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When you go away, one of the questions people ask you on your return is 'What did you bring back with you?' I have just returned from a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and one item I brought with me was a lovely olive-wood carving of a shepherd holding a lamb. More than that, I brought back memories.

So many images - a shepherd leading his sheep, the Judean desert, the Sea of Galilee and all the lovely people who were with me. The pattern of our day was to take our coach to a site and hear about the place from our guide and then look around. At some point we would listen to an appropriate passage of scripture, sing a hymn and finish with a prayer.

The visit I want to tell you about was the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu on Mount Zion. This is the reputed house of Caiaphas the High Priest, where Jesus was taken after his arrest. A modern church has been built over what could have been the dungeon where Jesus was held overnight and tortured. This is also where Peter denied Christ three times before the cock crowed. Alongside the church are ancient steps running from the Garden of Gethsemane to Mount Zion, which have been dated to the time when Jesus was alive, so he would have known them and would

probably have been dragged up them after his betrayal and arrest.

Our guide Tony, who was a Palestinian Christian, told us about Peter's denial and then showed us the cross he wore round his neck. 'Sometimes I feel it necessary to hide my cross and when I do that I feel that, like Peter, I am denying Christ' he told us. This made a great impression on us, which was reinforced when those wearing crosses had to hide them to approach the Western or Wailing Wall.

We are lucky that we live in an environment where we don't have to hide our religion but this made me feel that I am denying Christ if I do not feed the hungry, clothe the naked and house the homeless. These are tasks that Christ had taught us to do even for the least of these.

As I write this we are just entering the New Year and I wish you every blessing in 2007.

Michael Ball

MUSIC GROUP

The next meeting of the Music Group will be at the home of Shelagh Pascall, 14 South Green Close, Merstham at 8 p.m. on Wednesday 7th February. If you would like to join us for fellowship and listening to classical music you will be very welcome. Please phone Michael Ball on 244224.

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.

4th February: *Caterham*. Minister: Rev. David Flynn. Rev. David Marshall was being inducted as Minister for Community at Caterham yesterday. We are invited to join them in offering this experimental ministry to God, that he will use it to draw many to his love and peace.

Pray also for *Merstham Baptist Church, Weldon Way*.

11th February: *Christchurch, Walton-on-the-Hill*. Lay Leader: Michael Pritchard. We are not unique in being an aging congregation. As the winter months bring a variety of illnesses, we can give thanks that we can be mutually supportive. We pray that we may be equally supportive of those in our community who do not have the benefit of close friends or relations and may show them that the love of God is for all, whether or not they 'come to church'.

Pray also for *St Mary the Virgin Parish Church, Buckland*.

18th February: *Cheam*. Minister: Rev. George Watt. We pray that God will encourage, strengthen and guide our church leaders: George Watt, our minister; Ral Macdonald, our chaplain to older people, who underwent hip surgery in January; Wil North, our youth worker, as he prepares to train in ministry; and the lay leaders of Junior Church, house groups, study groups and fellowship groups.

Pray also for *St Mary Magdalen Church, Chart Lane, Reigate*.

25th February: *Sutton*. Minister: Rev. Martin Camroux. The Bunker youth group is being re-launched today; there is to be a Newcomers evening on 13th March: please join us in prayerful support for these initiatives.

Pray also for the *Contact Centre*.

HELP!

Toddlers Plus need someone to prepare and serve the drinks for the children and adults and wash up afterwards on Monday afternoons from 2.15 to 3.15 p.m.. This could be done on a rota basis if there are a few people who could help. We meet every Monday except Bank Holidays, and have a three-week break at Easter, Christmas and the end of August. If you need more details or can help please contact Angela Merritt ☎ 223274.

THE RECORD

Every church family has a one copy of the *Record* free.

If you feel you could make a donation towards the cost of printing and distributing the magazine please use the envelope provided. As a guideline the elders have suggested a donation of about £6 for the year. This is only a suggestion and any donation will be gratefully received. (Cheques made payable to Reigate Park Church)

The church family list is being updated, so please would you also let me or Mavis Proctor know if there are any corrections to be made, for example changes to name, address, telephone number or postcode - or if you have a new email address. There is also a list of people we post *Records* to and if you know of anyone who would like to receive a *Record* this way please let me know.

Peter Mercer, *Record* Distributor

WOMEN'S GUILD

We had a tuneful start to our New Year, with a visit from the 'Agape Singers' from Redhill URC. The songs they had chosen to sing were all on the theme of nature - animals, birds, flowers etc - and were greatly enjoyed.

The meeting ended with a short financial meeting and presentation of our annual accounts. We thanked Mary Warren our treasurer for all her hard work during the year.

At our next meeting on Tuesday 13th February at 10.30 a.m. in the Park Room, Carol McNeil and Jane Bourne will be giving a demonstration of card making. Any ladies in the church will be very welcome at this or any of our meetings. Copies of the 2007 programme are available at the table in the vestibule, or can be obtained from Carol Nicholls, Carol McNeil or myself.

Liz Bullen

WORSHIP IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

At 10 a.m. on **Sunday 4th February** we receive new members at our Communion Service with the theme: 'Where is your Shrine?' and the bible readings of John 2: 12 - 22 and Hebrews 11: 1 - 10.

At 6.30 p.m. the Singing Group lead us in some modern worship songs with the theme 'Tides and Seasons in the Waves of Life' and with the bible readings of Matthew 14: 22 - 33 and Luke 21: 25 - 28. This is the first service at which we will pray in response to specific requests solicited from our neighbourhood.

At 10 a.m. on **Sunday 11th February** our service includes the baptism of Noah Terry with the theme 'The Rainbow in the Clouds' and the bible reading of Genesis 9: 12 - 17.

At 6.30 p.m. the theme of our Evening Communion is 'Impossible Things before Breakfast' with the bible reading of Matthew 5: 43 - 48.

The focus of the morning service of our Mission Sunday at 10 a.m. on **18th February** is on the witness and work of our Urban Churches and the issues they face. Sandra Ackroyd, who has many years of experience in Tottenham and working for the URC's Urban Churches Support Group, will talk to us on these matters, followed by a very short sermon on Nehemiah from our Minister.

At 6.30 p.m. Rev. Sheila Purdy from Reigate Methodist Church talks about her Five Gold Rings.

At 12.15 p.m. on **Wednesday 21st February** we consider how to 'Stop those Eyelids Drooping' as we read Psalm 132 at our Midweek Communion Service.

At 10 a.m. on **Sunday 25th February** we hold our Family and Parade Service on the theme 'What happened next?', looking at some gospel stories with that question in mind.

At 6.30 p.m. we have a special service for thinking about how this time of year takes us from 'Confession to Alleluia' and looking at Psalm 51 : 1 -10 and John 8: 1 - 11.

A warm welcome to any or all of these services.

NEW KITCHEN

At long last we can look forward to a new church kitchen, but this will cost a great deal of money. Crafty Chats have decided to run a Craft Fair in October to raise some funds to go towards paying for the kitchen. We are only a small group and hope that others with craft skills of all kinds or none will join us in this venture. People will be needed to help in a variety of ways, publicity, refreshments, setting up and clearing up.

So please put Saturday 13th October in your diary, start crafting and tell one of us you will give us a hand to make this a successful money raising effort.

Angela Merritt, Jane Buck, Sharon Scotton, Heather Mildren

D.I.Y. - THANK YOU AND HELP!

For many years Ron Cooke, with assistance from a band of helpers, has done all the D.I.Y. jobs around the church. This has kept the building in the great condition it is in although it is over 30 years old. Ron has decided to hang up his hammer and paint brush and we will miss the marvellous contribution and dedication he has given to the life of our church. We thank him very much for all that he has done.

This means that we are in need to call upon any member of our church who has general D.I.Y. skills. The Premises Committee has a pool of experts that we can call on for the difficult jobs. (Although if you have a skill that might be useful in the maintenance of the premises please let me know.) We are hoping to develop a team of members who can be called upon to do specific jobs as they arise. If you can help as on an 'as and when required' basis please contact either myself or Susan Stanley.

Ron has set the standard and we need to keep it up. Once again thank you Ron.

Peter Mercer

SHORT MATters

By request, we arranged a session on New Year's Day, but only three people turned up. Had they celebrated too much the night before? On the Tuesday there was only one more and then there was no one with a key to the cupboard. We must think more carefully next year.

2006 finished the first half of the league with a home win against Horley 59-34 giving us 6 points but this was followed by a trouncing at Ashington 26-54 so no points. The league is run on two rinks per team and each winning rink gets two points and then the scores are added together and the team with the winning score gets a further two points. But as we go into the New Year, Reigate Park are in third position. Well done!

During the match against Horley, the rink of R.Hollings, A.Farmer, M.Risbridger and C.Nicholls scored a maximum of 8 shots in one end which made their game secure. In recognition of this achievement, West Sussex presented each one with a certificate and our Chairman R.Napier did the honour of giving the 'Hot Shot' certificates.

The League table does not show an accurate picture, as the teams have not all played the same number of matches and how many were at home or away. Reigate Park have only played two away matches and were beaten decisively in both, and we have four away matches to come. Looking forward, the leaders Ashington are going to be hard to catch and West Chiltington need watching as they have eight matches to play and are only 4 points behind us at present. Southwater are only two points behind as they beat us by one shot at our venue to give them the extra two points - if only we had gained two more shots! If we can improve the number of shots we score and not give so many away, we should be able to be in the middle of the table at the end of the season.

Table as at 31.12.06

Team	P	W	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
Ashington Owls	6	6	0	285	182	103	32
Barns Green	8	3	5	285	376	-91	20
Reigate Park	6	3	3	224	289	-35	18
Southwater Wasps	6	3	3	235	240	-5	16
West Chiltington	4	2	2	181	146	-35	14
Mannings Heath Red Squirrels	7	2	5	266	285	-19	14
Horley Hawks	5	2	3	193	219	-26	12

Reluctantly our Treasurer is having to give up his post due to matters beyond his control, although he has agreed to stay till the end of the financial year at February 28th 2007. It means that the Club must find a new treasurer by that date. It is also my intention to cease being secretary at the next AGM in April.

Brian Dean (☎ 774208)

UNICEF - MITE NEWS

Recently I read *Moving Mountains* by Claire Bertschinger - a Swiss-English nurse working for the International Committee of the Red Cross - based in Switzerland. It was she who inspired Michael Buerk and Bob Geldorf to start 'Live Aid', although she was unaware of it at the time. This book is taken from her diaries and tells of the conditions under which so many of the charity workers work, e.g. feet in the mud of ditch latrines; choosing under 5s children to have extra food 'They are worth saving!' and being shot at or captured. She also had reading difficulties but latterly has been helped by the computer. Celebrities may draw attention to areas of deprivation but very few have had the 'nitty-gritty' experience for more than a few days. There is also the struggle to obtain food (especially when lorries can be hi-jacked), medical equipment whether for field stations or hospitals, and generally poor living conditions.

Dr Johnson and my nephew and his wife have been to Romania and had varied experiences in living conditions and Edward Carwardine was in Afghanistan. Unfortunately both countries are experiencing regression in standards of life, especially for the children.

So the work to protect children in so many countries does not get any easier and credit must be given to the young people who go abroad to help in camps.

I was pleased to receive 'Inspired Gifts' and similar gifts from my family and friends - so much more satisfying than a box of chocolates (and healthier!),

Happy New year and may you spare a thought for those who have to struggles to live and be happy.

Hazel Arscott

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On 11th January, 24 of us sat down to yet another delicious meal prepared by three lovely ladies. What have we done to be so lucky? We then adjourned to the Park Room where David Cooper (our chief scout chappie) showed us a film of a number of scout leaders who went to Uganda to build a school. The two trips so far were all arranged and managed by the Scouts, and a third will follow soon. Well done, David, to you and all your colleagues.

On Thursday 8th February Michael Ball will be talking about his recent visit to the Holy Land.

Ron Cooke

CONNECT UPDATE

The winner of the CONNECT CHRISTMAS QUIZ was Mary Hyde with 47 correct answers. The answer sheet can be found on the community board in the church foyer.

Reports have been received from Children of the Andes and a thank you letter from Practical Action, two of our last year projects.

We now have the dates for the BOOK FAIR which will be held at the church hall on Friday 11th and Sat 12th MAY. Please keep the donations coming particularly paperbacks, and CD's. Leave your books marked CONNECT by the stained glass window if you are unable to drop them at Andrew Archer's.

All proceeds from this event will be going to BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES - a school for the deaf in Uganda. Dave Cooper has been involved in this project and we shall be arranging for him to speak about the time he spent there and how our money will be put to use. In the meantime, see if you can spot him on their website www.buildingbrighterfutures.co.uk

CONNECT will be holding an OPEN MEETING which includes the Annual Accounts Report on March 5th in the Park Room at 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

And finally a plea for help. We need a team of ten strong people who can be available on the morning of FRI 11th May to help load the van with the books at Andrews and unload at the church. If you can assist or know anyone who might be able to help us please contact me Lindachandler@tesco.net or 763328.

P.S. If anyone is interested we have been given some wonderful old books on the British Army. These can be sold now for a suitable price. Contact me to view.

CRÈCHE ROTA

This is the rota for February. 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

4th February	Rachel and Kevin Semple	Sandra Reid
11th February	Paul and Catherine Seldon	
18th February	Jacki Glasgow	
25th February	Lefteri Deda	Claire Harris

JUNIOR CHURCH

We hope everyone enjoyed the Nativity play as much as those of us who put it together. Special thanks to David for the script, to Pat Hatt for all her work with the costumes, to Michael Ball for sorting out the staging and, of course, to Paula Sowton for overseeing the whole thing. We were so impressed with all the children and young people who took part, including those who arrived on the morning and instantly became angels, shepherds, kings etc without any fuss at all!

We should also like to thank Hannah Robertson, Una Miaris and Colin Wells who looked after the children on 24th and 31st December, so that the leaders and helpers could have a break.

On 20th December 14 of us had an informal supper in the Park Room, and it was a good opportunity to relax and get to know each other better; we were really glad that some of our newer helpers were there too. Our thanks go to Elizabeth and Helen Bourne who prepared the room so nicely for us.

Jane Bourne has completed a very valuable stint leading Explorers, and we do appreciate this. Her place is to be taken by Kate Wilson. Also taking a break from Junior Church is Francesca Page, who has worked for a long time in the Vines Group, and we are very grateful to her for all the time and commitment she has shown over the years. Hannah Robertson is stepping into her shoes. Nicola Corlett and Sonia Christie have also decided to take a rest from JAM for a while, and we thank them and Gillian Rowe, who has completed many years' service in the Crèche. Rene Cummins has also come off this rota in order to concentrate on other duties, and onto the crèche team recently have come Sara-Jane Archer and Karen Best.

On Wednesday 7th February at 8 p.m. in the Park Room Steve Conway is leading a Makaton training. This is open to anyone who is interested in learning how to use signing to communicate with children.

New families are invited to coffee in Room 5 after the service on February 25th. This is an opportunity to put some names to faces and find out more about Junior Church.

Pat Denchfield and Angela Bolton

TIME OUT BOWLING TRIP

Calling all over 20's - fancy a fun night out with like-minded people? Please join us at Hollywood Bowl 8 p.m. Saturday March 3rd for Bowling and chat. Let Denise know by February 25th ☎ 762022 if you're coming. Go on, it beats another night in front of the TV!

ON A SLOW BOAT TO CHINA WITH JESUS

Easter Workshop 2007

Monday April 2nd - Thursday April 5th 9.30 - 12.00

Yes, we're off again setting up and organising our annual exciting Workshop for Primary School children. As you can see the theme has been set. This fits in with our World Church Weekend theme which immediately precedes the Workshop, and our Junior Church Theme Day, making it even more exciting.

Next month all RPC families with children of this age will get a letter with all the details. Booking will take place later in March. Local schools will be contacted and will hopefully agree to distribute fliers to all their pupils. Please note, places are limited, so it is very important to book a place as soon as the booking starts.

As usual I am looking for plenty of volunteers, as the Workshop cannot run without them. To show you how many I'm looking for, last year about 70 volunteers were involved! We usually manage to offer 150 children a really fun and meaningful four mornings, hopefully showing them the love of Jesus. Please consider helping in some way, whether before, during or after; with the children or in a more administrative or practical way. We do need some people who will be willing to help coordinate the groups and organise and prepare the activities. All volunteers on the premises will need to provide the names of two people for references and agree to a CRB check.

Young people in Year 8 or above are welcome to help too. Those in Year 7 can help if their parent is helping.

I would really like to know the names of volunteers by the 2nd of March but please let me know as soon as possible, the sooner the better. It really is great fun.

There will be two meetings in March, one for all the leaders and helpers, on Wednesday 21st March at 8 p.m. and one extra for any new leader or helper, on Monday 26th March at 8 p.m. Please remember to book these dates in your diary.

For more information please contact Angela Bolton on ☎ 248430 or email@ambolton.me.uk

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

You don't have to be as mad as a March Hare - just have a birthday in March and join us for a party on March 28th, 3 - 5 p.m. in the Park Room. RSVP to Barbara Wing or ☎ 223831.

SYNOD 2007 YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S EVENT

This event will take place on the 10th March 2007 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at Caterham School gym for the children's event (5 - 11 years) and Caterham URC for youth event (11 - 18 years). The theme of the day is Discipleship/Follow the Leader/the Quest. A range of exciting activities has been planned for both age-groups including art and craft activities, Bible work using film clips, stories, etc., and fun action-games. There are four youth leaders responsible for running the children's event including Nick White, Synod training officer, and there are five youth leaders for the youth event including Gemma Stewart. The day starts with everyone together for registration, an ice-breaker game and worship. There are four sessions in the day; everyone comes together for lunch.

Look out for the A5 glossy leaflet with booking form now available from Gemma or Pat Denchfield. Deadline for bookings will be Sunday 25th February. This event should be great fun - those that went last year had a great time. For further information speak to Gemma or Pat.

Jane Bourne

MONDAY MORNING GROUP

This month we return to the series on Christian Basics, using *Simply Christian* by Tom Wright:-

5th February 'God's Breath of Life - What is the Holy Spirit?' - Acts 2: 1 - 12.

12th February 'Living by the Spirit' - Galatians 5.

19th February 'Worship' - Revelation 5.

26th February 'Prayer' - Luke 11: 1 - 13.

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

ANOTHER ECO-TIP

Plastic such as yoghurt pots cannot yet be recycled. How about buying large tubs of yoghurt (which can be reused in schools and playgroups and Junior Church for children's craft activities) and decanting as needed into smaller containers at home? My children take little plastic pots with lids, filled with yoghurt, in their packed lunches and they can be washed out and reused the next day.

Sonia Christie

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:-

- 6th February 'A Trip to the Holy Land' - Michael Ball.
- 13th February 'Do we renew Trident?' - A CND point of view.
- 20th February 'Children's Books and Faith'.
- 27th February 'Crawley Open House' - Peter Mansfield-Clark.

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

BEING OVER 50 HAS ITS ADVANTAGES . . .

(From *Frettenham Parish Magazine*).

1. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
2. No-one expects you to run into a burning building.
3. People who phone at nine in the evening ask 'Did I wake you?'
4. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
5. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
6. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
7. Things you buy now won't wear out.
8. You can have supper at 4 p.m.
9. You can live without sex (but not without glasses).
10. You enjoy hearing about other people's operations.
11. You get into heated arguments about pensions.
12. You throw a party and the neighbours don't even realise.
13. You no longer think of a speed limit as a challenge.
14. You stop trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room.
15. You sing along with the music in the lift.
16. Your eyes won't get much worse.
17. Your health insurance is beginning to pay off.
18. Your joints are more accurate than the Met. Office.
19. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they won't remember them either.
20. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to a manageable size.
21. You won't be able to remember where you saw this list . . .

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday March 2nd 2007

Services.	10.30 a.m.	Redhill United Reformed Church.
	2.00 p.m.	St Mary's, Reigate.
	7.30 p.m.	Christ the King, Salford.

This year the service is devised by Christian women of Paraguay, and is entitled 'United under God's Tent'.

Paraguay is landlocked in the heart of South America. It is a country with many attractions, rugged steep hills covered with forest, numerous rivers and waterfalls, unique vegetation, fruits and animal species as well as many traditions and customs. There is a large gap between the rich and the poor, mainly due to unequal divisions of land. 10 per cent of the population owns 66 per cent of the countryside. One in four Paraguayans are poor and the poorest 40 per cent do not have enough to eat. It is one of the most impoverished countries in the world and the situation is worsening.

Unemployment is high and over 30 years people have been moving from rural areas to the cities and it is common to find three generations of families living together. Many families do not have basic services like running water and electricity. Lack of jobs and increasing alcoholism and misuse of drugs among the young have increased the rate of violence.

Paraguayan women earn an income by selling their crafts. Although they are hardworking and often ambitious, most remain caregivers and raise a family single-handedly.

Ecumenical work is still in the early stages, with many churches being involved in schools, universities, clinics, hospitals, social centres, children's centres and the fight against drugs.

Despite its turbulent history and many problems there are signs of hope. Paraguayans show solidarity and help each other.

Please do support one of the services. They are for all, young and old, men and women.

EXPERT OUTSIDE OPINION

In the journal of the URC Musician's Guild there appears this note of a talk given by Canon Michael Ainsworth, Chairman of the organ committee of the Council for the Care of Churches. The endorsement of *Rejoice and Sing* was made without the speaker's knowledge that URC members were present!

Rejoice and Sing is amongst the best of the currently available hymn books; organists should not be asked to provide 'musak', it must be part of the liturgy; music can make or mar a service and has a very powerful effect on the mood; the organ is probably the most expensive piece of equipment in the church and should be treated as such. He also stressed the usefulness of stillness and space before a service starts and particularly frowned upon the habit in some churches of loud chatter and noise at this point. Also, the voluntary should be part of the service and not an opportunity for loud conversation and a scramble for the exit!

SAYINGS OF MOTHER THERESA

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

People are often unreasonable, illogical, self-centred;
FORGIVE them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;
BE kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;
SUCCEED anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;
BE modest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone will destroy overnight;
BUILD anyway.

If you have serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;
BE happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will forget tomorrow;
BE good anyway.

Give the world the best you've got
Anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;
It was never between you and them
Anyway.

AN INTERVIEW WITH GOD

(from *CHURCH*, the news letter of Cheadle Hulme URC.)

I dreamed I had an interview with God.

‘So you would like to interview me’ God said.

‘If you have the time’ I said.

God smiled. ‘My time is eternity. What questions do you have for me?’

‘What surprises you most about human-kind?’

God answered. . .

‘That they get bored with childhood. They rush to grow up and then long to be children again.

Then they lose their health to make money
and then lose their money to restore health.

That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present,
so that they live in neither the present nor the future.

That they live as if they will never die
and die as if they had never lived.’

God’s hand took mine and we were silent for a while and then I asked . . .

‘As a parent, what are some of life’s lessons
you want your children to learn?’

God replied with a smile,

‘To learn they cannot make anyone love them.

What they can do is let themselves be loved.

To learn that it is not good
to compare themselves to others.

To learn that a rich person is not the one who has the most,
but one who needs the least.

To learn that it only takes a few seconds
to open profound wounds in persons we love,
and it takes many years to heal them.

To learn to forgive by practising forgiveness,

To learn that there are people who love them dearly,

but simply do not know how to express or show their feelings.

To learn that two people can look at the same thing
and see it differently.

To learn that it is not always enough that they be forgiven by others,
but they must forgive themselves.

And to learn that I am here always.’

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FEBRUARY DIARY

- Sunday** 4th 10.00am Rev. David Skitt. Holy Communion.
Reception of members.
6.30pm Rev. David Skitt. Neighbourhood prayers.
Modern worship songs.
7.30pm Youth Club.
- Tuesday 6th 8.00pm Church Night - 'A Trip to the Holy Land' - Michael Ball.
- Wednesday 7th 8.00pm Makaton Training - Steve Conway.
- Thursday 8th 12.30pm Men's Fellowship. Michael Ball.
- Sunday** 11th 10.00am Rev. David Skitt. Baptism of Noah Terry.
6.30pm Rev. David Skitt. Holy Communion.
- Tuesday 13th 10.30am Women's Guild. Card-making demonstration.
8.00pm Church Night - 'Do we renew Trident?' -
A CND point of view.
- Sunday** 18th 10.00am Mission Sunday. Sandra Ackroyd and Rev. David Skitt.
6.30pm Rev. Sheila Purdy from Reigate Methodist Church
talks of her Five Gold Rings.
- Tuesday 20th 8.00pm Church Night - 'Children's Books and Faith'.
- Wednesday 21st 12.15pm Rev. David Skitt. Midweek Communion Service.
- Thursday 22nd 11.00am Zimbabwe Work Party at 1 Evesham Road.
- Sunday** 25th 10.00am Family and Parade Service. Rev. David Skitt.
6.30pm Rev. David Skitt.
- Tuesday 27th 8.00pm Church Night. 'Crawley Open House' -
Peter Mansfield-Clark.
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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.