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## THE GOSPEL OF ANOTHER CHANCE

I was sitting in church one Sunday and looked out through the windows. I realised that I could see a great amount of foliage. It struck me that there is a good deal of foliage within our churches, and possibly in our lives too. There may even be some colourful blossoming now and then. But the real test of faith and obedience is in the fruit that is borne as a consequence of our lives and living. This does not mean that evidence of fruit-bearing or productivity is necessarily statistical or always visible to the naked eye.

Fruit-bearing is not always synonymous with good works or service for God. Fruit is what we are; service is what we do. We are required to bear fruit - wherever God has placed us: the shop or the school, the home or the office, main-street or market place. We are to 'live' Christ - the Christ of the Gospels, the joyful, loving, compassionate, kind, gentle, selfless Christ of Christmas, Good Friday, Easter and Pentecost. It means that we are to be kind among people who are cruel, tolerant among people who are irritating and complaining, self-controlled among those who live by their appetites, joyful among the unhappy and ungrateful, generous among the poor and needy, and loving and concerned in all situations.

And this is where we have all failed. Let us be grateful for the Gospel of another chance. It is as if Jesus were interceding on our behalf: 'Give them another chance, Father. I will stir them, prune them, and allow some hard times to refine and renew them and teach them how to rely on divine grace, but give them another chance ...'

Our great God is merciful and patient, and he can make us into fruit-bearing Christians.

Forgive us Lord, for our many failures to bear fruit, and thank you for the opportunity to start over again.

Amen

Susan Knight

## REIGATE AND REDHILL MUSIC FESTIVAL

I am co-ordinating the stewards and catering requirements for the Music Festival classes being held in Reigate Park Church this year. The dates when help is needed are : - Friday 11th May from 4 p.m., Saturday 12th May from 9 a.m. until about 6 p.m., Tuesday 15th May from 4 p.m., possibly Thursday 17th and Friday 18th May from 4 p.m. and Saturday 19th May from 9 a.m. until about 6 p.m. If you would like to help I should be pleased to hear from you as soon as possible.

Many thanks,

Margaret Samuel (☎ 243308)

## 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 hands Redhill is incorporated below.



**4th March:** *East Grinstead*. Minister: Rev. Dr Kathy White. With our building project nearing completion, we are seeking to launch a spiritual project to complement this: pray with us for God's leading as to the nature of this initiative.

Pray also for *Reigate and Redhill YMCA*, Princes Road, Redhill.

**11th March:** *Oxted*. Minister: Rev. Adrian Skelton. Remember us today and in the coming week as we are gathering for an away day at Marsh Green on Saturday to take stock and to look forward as a congregation.

Pray also for *St Peter and St Paul Parish Church*, Nutfield.

**18th March:** *Mothering Sunday*. Our annual special opportunity to remember, thank and support our mothers; pray that special prayer today, whether in remembrance or in life.

Pray also for *Reigate and Redhill Community Church*, meeting at St Bede's School.

**25th March:** *Reigate Park*. Minister: Rev. David Skitt. Pray for the Church in China as we learn about the country, the food and the worship during our World Church event next weekend.

Pray also for *Welcare*.

## SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB

Sunday Lunch Club is held on the fourth Sunday in the month and is for members of the congregation who live alone. If anyone would like more information perhaps they would contact me at church or on ☎ 219729 when I will be happy to answer any questions.

Margaret Goodall

## **GOOD NEWS FOR LOSERS!**

(This meditation on the Beatitudes was used by Carol Nicholls as the opening devotion at the Elders' Meeting and subsequently in the church service.)

It could be said: 'Happy are the self-righteous,  
For they will never know the shame of sin',  
But Jesus said: 'Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor,  
The Kingdom of Heaven belongs to them!'

People might say: 'Happy are those who grieve not,  
For they have no emotional ties'.  
Jesus said: 'Happy are those who mourn,  
God will comfort them!'

Surely it must be that: 'Happy are the powerful,  
They can have anything they want!'.  
Jesus said: 'Happy are those who are humble,  
They will receive what God has promised!'

Sometimes it seems that: 'Happy are the pushy,  
They will let no-one get in the way of their ambition'.  
However Jesus said: 'Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God  
requires, God will satisfy them fully!'

We might say: 'Happy are the vengeance-seekers,  
For they will not struggle with forgiveness',  
Yet Jesus said: 'Happy are those who are merciful to others,  
God will be merciful to them!'

We could easily think that: 'Happy are they who follow the crowd regardless,  
They will always be popular'.  
Jesus said: 'Happy are the pure in heart,  
They will see God!'

I might say: 'Happy are the warmongers,  
For they will never tread the hard path of reconciliation',  
But Jesus said: 'Happy are those who work for peace,  
God will call them his children!'

I sometimes say: 'Happy are those who do not make a stand for what is right,  
For they will have a quiet life',  
But Jesus challenges me: 'Happy are those who are persecuted because they do  
what God requires, the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to them!'

## WORSHIP IN THE MONTH OF MARCH

At 10 a.m. on **Sunday 4th March** the theme of our Communion Service is 'Remembering Time with Him'. The bible reading is 1 Corinthians 11: 23 - 26.

At 6.30 p.m. there is a Healing Service on the theme 'Recollecting and Connecting Causeways' based on Joshua 3.

At 10 a.m. on **Sunday 11th March** the service includes the baptism of Mark Tarrant with the theme 'Mark's White Robes' and the bible readings of Mark 14: 48 - 52 and Mark 16: 1 - 8.

At 6.30 p.m. we reflect at our Evening Communion on Christ's invitation: 'Come to a Dinner Party', reading Luke 14: 15 - 24.

At 10 a.m. on **Sunday 18th March** (Mothering Sunday) the service includes the baptism of Kieran and Caelan Goddard, the reading of 1 Thessalonians 2: 1 - 12 and the distribution of flowers. The theme is 'Like a Mother Caring for her Children'.

At 6.30 p.m. we look at what we desire: 'Playful Springs and Elusive Streams' from John 1: 35 - 39.

At 12.15 p.m. on **Wednesday 21st March** we think at our Communion Service about 'The Lord's Anointed' and Hebrews 1.

At 10 a.m. on **Sunday 25th March** (Junior Church Theme Day: children straight into groups and joining us at the end) we look at 'What the Cross Opens up' and Revelation 21: 1 - 8. 22 - 27.

At 6.30 p.m. is the service which results from the Leading Worship Workshop on 4th March. Do support all those taking part as they devise a service on Luke 4: 1 - 13.

A warm welcome to any or all of these services.

## LOOKING AHEAD

31st March - 1st April **WORLD CHURCH WEEKEND** - a super Chinese family lunch on the Saturday (look out for tickets!) and our Chinese visitors leading worship on Sunday morning and discussion groups on Sunday afternoon (details on the next page)

Rev. Dr David Owen joins us for Easter! He will be at both services on Easter Sunday and take a major part at the 8 a.m. Communion Service.

## BOOK CLUB

The next book club meeting will be on Monday March 12th, 8 p.m. at Christina's, 12 St Albans Road - ☎ 243515. The book is *Restless* by William Boyd.

Jane Dotzek

## **WORLD CHURCH WEEKEND**

***31st March and 1st April (Palm Sunday)***

There is a change this year in how we celebrate our World Church Weekend. Yes, we shall be entertaining visitors but they will not be students studying in the UK.

We shall be entertaining Rev. Ernest Yu who is the Associate Minister at Trinity URC, Wimbledon. Ernest retired in 2000 and trained for the non-stipendiary ministry, being ordained in 2004. Ernest runs Bible classes for a dozen Chinese Christian compatriots. At RPC we shall have a weekend celebrating the establishment and history of Christianity in China.

The Saturday will kick off with Ernest and some of his colleagues joining us for an in-house cooked Chinese meal. The catering ladies of RPC will be stir fried in the manner and style of Chinese cooking and a meal will be served to about 70 people (numbers will have to be limited) with instruction on how to use chopsticks. In the afternoon Ernest and his friends will give us a talk on Christianity in China plus their customs, culture, and way of life. There will also be some light hearted activities in the arts of Chinese decorating, brush writing, and paper folding. Our children will experience some of the fun when they decorate the hall on the previous Sunday.

On Sunday Ernest will be preaching at the morning service and his colleagues will also be taking part and visiting Junior Church. Our guests, maybe ten in number, will be entertained for lunch (host volunteers needed) and in the afternoon there will be several group discussions in church.

This will be an exciting weekend when we can learn so much about the largest country in the world.

Richard Proctor

## **CHERNOBYL CHILDREN LIFE LINE**

At the recent meeting of the local Link of Chernobyl Children Life Line the chairman stood down, and the group is in urgent need of a new chairman if this year's invitation to ten children from Belarus is to go ahead. The Treasurer and Secretary (me!) are happy to support anyone willing to take on the job, and there is a committee also willing to continue. All the paperwork is on disk so it is really just a case of being willing to be the figurehead and being available during the visit in the summer.

If you think you could help or know someone who may be interested I would be very glad to hear from you. We have given ourselves until 1st March. If no one has come forward by then we are going to cancel this year's visit.

Margaret Samuel (☎ 243308)

## THANKS FROM CAROLINE VODDEN

Paul, Alice and I would like to express our deep appreciation of all the love, thoughts and prayers with which you have surrounded us since Ben's tragic death in December. Of course, nothing can take away the pain of his loss, but knowing that so many people are caring and sharing our sorrow provides comfort and companionship in our grieving. We have been overwhelmed with cards and letters of support, and we regret that we cannot respond to each one individually.

Ben's life was a beautiful gift to us which brought us great joy for twelve years. He was always so full of fun and energy, so loving to his family, so loyal to his friends. We will treasure the memories of our time together and will always be thankful that he was part of our family. His life certainly changed mine and will continue to inspire and challenge me in very many ways. Perhaps others will also draw some inspiration from the following reflections.

- I am inspired by Ben's smile, his laughter, his enormous sense of fun, his ready wit and sense of comic timing. Every moment of life is to be enjoyed to the full;
- I am inspired by his care and concern for others, his spontaneous desire to respond, to help where he saw a need, to raise money for charities;
- I am inspired by his friendliness, his uninhibited approach and effervescent chatter, always ready to engage with adults and children of any age;
- I am inspired by his loyalty to his friends, his courage in standing up for what he believed to be right, his sense of justice;
- I am inspired by his sensitivity to the feelings of others, his ability to encourage and cheer people up, to raise a smile;
- I am inspired by his sharp ear for music, his acute sense of smell, his amazing memory for things I had long forgotten;
- I am inspired by his lifelong love of nature, his fascination with wildlife and his thirst for knowledge;
- I am inspired by his desire to see the best in people, to make enemies into friends;
- I am inspired by his unconditional love, always willing to say sorry, to share a hug;
- I am inspired by his faith, his trust, his understanding;
- I am inspired by his desire to be the best that he could be. He was.

Please continue to hold us in your prayers in the difficult weeks ahead and as we plan for our move to Dorset in the summer.

With love to you all.

Caroline

## **EASTER LABYRINTH**

Reigate Churches Together are organising a 'Labyrinth' that will be held in Reigate Baptist Church in Sycamore Walk, Woodhatch during Holy Week. Monday 2nd April to Good Friday 6th April. The opening times are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 8 - 10 p.m. (except Good Friday evening). The contemplative path will be based on the journey of Jesus as he triumphantly enters Jerusalem, celebrates the Last Supper, his struggle in the Garden of Gethsemane, subsequent betrayal and crucifixion, his forgiving of our sins, resurrection and our steps forward in faith.

The Labyrinth will be open to all. Safe and secure areas for children will be available in the afternoons, and children from all churches will be asked to decorate paper palm leaves and put their own prayers on them, which will line the route. Churches Together are asking for volunteers from all the local churches to help man the refreshment area during that week. Anyone who can manage a couple of hours at any of the opening times please see or ring Carol Nicholls on ☎ 240372.

## **YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S WORK EVENTS**

Information about youth events and training for leaders is sent to the youth and children's work elder (or church secretary) for distribution to youth workers, children's workers and young people in each church. Our youth and children's work Elder is Pat Denchfield. Information is currently also received by our youth worker Gemma Stewart and our Cluster rep. Jane Bourne. Nick White, our synod youth and children's work training officer, produces a leaflet called INFO-POINT, which comes out once a quarter. This is full of information about youth events coming up including FURY events, Synod events and training events. It is excellent and well worth a look. There is a copy pinned to the youth board in our church hall for anyone to read. Also have a look at the youth newsletter FUSE. If you would like a copy of either of these for yourself please speak to me.

Other items appear on the youth/young person board in the hall, advertising events you can go to from Kidz Klub, Youth Club, Home and Away group, Junior Church, Play Group and many training opportunities. Please have a look on this board to familiarise yourself with what's on offer.

Jane Bourne

## WHAT IS FURY?

FURY is the name given to the youth organisation of the United Reformed Church. The full name is the Fellowship of United Reformed Youth - FURY. It includes all young people in youth clubs, the Boy's Brigade, the Girl's Brigade, Scouts and Guides that are attached to the URC. Those young people who do not belong to any organised youth group but attend the local church are also part of FURY. All work within the URC involving young people between the ages of 11 and 26 is encompassed by FURY. There is no membership fee. Just being young and a part of the church is sufficient for membership. The FURY symbol is the ancient Christian symbol of the Fish. This symbol appears on badges, pendants and literature.

FURY operates at several levels in the structure of the URC. The main focus of URC youth work is the local church. Also there are representatives at the levels of Synod and National (General Assembly). There is also a FURY Assembly which is for young people to attend aged 14 - 26 who join together for a residential weekend of fellowship, worship, meeting new people and learning about God and faith. Three Assembly-level FURY events each year are open for any young person to attend.

Last year young people from around the country represented their Synods at the URC General Assembly. Louisa Weeks attended as our Synod Rep. (She can be contacted on ☎ 07738 352452 or email [southern@fury.org.uk](mailto:southern@fury.org.uk)). Also last year there was an event called GOGI 2006 (Go On Get Involved!) for those involved in a FURY rôle in their local churches or Synod and for anyone interested in finding out about FURY - for young people who wanted to get involved. We don't have any local church FURY Reps in our Cluster so there is no information about GOGI to report from the Cluster. Perhaps there is a young person who would be interested to find out more about FURY and be willing to be a representative in our church Cluster (Reigate Park, Redhill, Walton, Caterham, Oxted and Marsh Green)?

From July 2006 there has been a Southern Synod FURY News letter called FUSE circulated to all churches via the Youth and Children's Work Elder (or secretary). FUSE is an A4 colour news letter produced for young people by young people. It comes out about four times a year. The most recent issue was Jan 07 (there's a delay in printing so a copy should arrive soon if it hasn't already arrived). Only one copy is sent to each church but this can be photocopied.

For more detailed information about FURY go to its new website which has just been completed at [www.fury.org.uk](http://www.fury.org.uk). Here you will find a history of FURY, an events calendar and much more. It is well worth a look.

I finish with the FURY MISSION statement:

The Fellowship of United Reformed Youth aims to support, encourage,

challenge and work with young people, so that they can grow in the Christian faith and discover for themselves their part in God's world today. FURY aims to do this through worship, prayer, involvement, giving and learning.

Jane Bourne

## **CONNECT UPDATE**

CONNECT will be holding an OPEN MEETING which includes the Annual Accounts Report on Monday, 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 Friday 11th May to help load the van with the books at Andrew's 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](mailto:Lindachandler@tesco.net) or ☎ 763328.

## **CONNECT BOOK FAIR**

The provisional dates are FRIDAY MAY 11th and SATURDAY MAY 12th.

Please consider whether you could be available to help for a few hours on either day.

Contact Linda Chandler or Anne Richardson.

Or perhaps you have somewhere we can display a poster ? Do you work for a company or school that has a community notice board ? We would be pleased to supply a poster if you can put it up.

Thanks for all the book donations. Keep them coming !

## **UNICEF - MITE NEWS**

Shoebiz Appeal - report next month.

Please try your 'Grace for a meal' remembering children who are starving whether through nature or war; and remember those children who are bought and sold for other people's pleasure.

Thank you.

Hazel Arscott

## **JANUARY AND FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS PARTY**

On 31st January, over a dozen of us of all ages met for a joint Birthday Party. There was plenty to eat and drink as well as an interesting quiz and new friends to make. Unfortunately there were quite a number of people who were not able to make it this year, so hopefully, if someone cares to book a room next year and put an invitation in the Record, we can have another gathering again in 2008.

Angela Bolton

## **ON A SLOW BOAT TO CHINA WITH JESUS**

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

Just to keep you all updated. All RPC families with Primary School age children should receive a letter about this event in the middle of this month. Please look for yours and also, please take the named letters for those who live near you or who you see frequently. Many of the local schools will have fliers to hand out to the children, as well as the uniformed organisations who meet at RPC. I will need some volunteers to deliver the fliers to the schools.

The booking dates will be 19 - 21 March. The places will be limited, so if you want your child to come to this Workshop, please ensure that you book as soon as possible within these dates.

We are still in need of volunteers, so if you are able to help in any way, please speak to me. If you have any questions about it at all please do not hesitate to contact me. ? 01737 248430 or email: email@ambolton.me.uk

Volunteers, don't forget there is a meeting for everyone on Wednesday 21st March at 8.00 in the Church. If you have never helped at the Workshop before, then you are also asked to attend a meeting on Monday 26th March at 8.00 in the Park Room.

Angela Bolton

## **MONDAY MORNING GROUP**

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

- 5th March 'The Book God Breathed' - 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 17.
- 12th March 'The Story and the Task' - Matthew 28: 16 - 20.
- 19th March 'Believing and Belonging' - Revelation 22.
- 26th March 'A New Creation, Starting Now' - Ephesians 5: 3 -10.

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

## **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 on ☎ 223831.

## VELLORE

I have received three reports from Dr Pat Wallis. They tell how the £140 sent in August was spent. These reports will be on the Mission Board in the hall for all to read. In the year 2006 we donated £584, well done everybody! I have just sent off a cheque for £206.

Pat is going to India this month (February) and will visit Vellore Medical College. She hopes to take some photos while she is there, and has said she will send me some. My thanks to you all for your continuous support.

Eileen Charlton

## 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. in the Park Room:-

6th March	'Jesus: Rescue and Renewal'.
13th March	'God's Breath of Life - What is the Holy Spirit?'
20th March	'Living by the Spirit'.
27th March	'Worship'.

The March meetings are part of a course Simply Christian - You are welcome to any or to all.

## CRÈCHE ROTA

This is the rota for March. 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 March	Rachel and Kevin Semple	Gretta Taylor
11th March	Sara-Jane Archer	Karen Best
18th March	Sandra Reid	
25th March	Paul and Catherine Seldon	

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

On Thursday 15th March (the third Thursday, not the usual second Thursday), we shall be holding our AGM. Do be sure to come.

Ron Cooke

## THE OLD TESTAMENT - THEN AND NOW

There is to be a Lay Preachers' Weekend at Pilgrim Hall, Uckfield from Friday evening 2nd November until after lunch on Saturday 4th November.

We are fortunate to have as our main speaker Rev. Dr Janet Tollington, Director of Old Testament Studies at Westminster College, Cambridge. Janet is an engaging and entertaining speaker who makes her subject come alive. She will be helping us to explore the Old Testament and show how we can best use it in preaching and teaching.

We shall also be welcoming Rev. Alan Wharton who will be sharing his passion for Cell Church with us.

There will be an optional Saturday afternoon session on the use of technology in worship. The session will be tailored to the needs of those who wish to attend and may include hands-on experience. There will also be time for us to relax together and get to know each other better.

The cost (subsidised by Synod) will be £80 to include everything. All lay people who lead worship (even if only occasionally) are welcome but there are a limited number of places so it will be 'first come, first served'. Spouses/friends etc. will be welcome if there is space. The cost for them will be £120. Please send a deposit of £30 with the booking form [I have a copy of the form, which must be returned by 30th April - ED]. If you drop out this can be refunded, but only if we can fill your place. The rest of the fee will be payable at the beginning of October. If you would like to come but finance is a problem, or if you have any other queries please contact me:

Rev. Jenny Snashall ☎ 020 8644 3708 or 07913 02221  
jenny.snashall@tesco.net

## MAKATON TRAINING

One cold evening in February, a small but enthusiastic group met in the Park Room to hear from Steven Conway about communicating with young children in Makaton. It was most enlightening, all of us taking an active part and using some of the signs that we had learned that evening. There was a definite buzz as we found it was much easier than most of us had expected!

Thank you Steven for preparing all the material and sparing your time for us. Those who were unable to come missed a treat.

Angela Bolton

From the *Dornoch Parish News* via the Magazine of Christ Church URC, Solihull:

God does not call the qualified: He qualifies the called.

God loves everyone but prefers fruits of the spirit over religious nuts.

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

## **THE ELMS NURSING HOME, REDHILL**

The Elms Nursing Home at the bottom of Whitepost Hill is situated in the building which once was East Surrey Hospital. This home has 46 beds and currently we have 36 clients living here. Many of our clients are elderly and frail, some have dementia but not all. We enjoy the expertise of nine Registered General Nurses and 20 experienced Health Care Assistants. The staff see to every physical need of the clients and spend as much time as possible with them, however I find that some complain of loneliness and lack regular human contact.

I am therefore asking all the local church congregations to consider the idea of befriending one of our residents or just visiting regularly to say hello and share a cup of teas or coffee with them. It is a dreadful thing to be old and sick but terrible also to feel lonely, even for a short time. As the preference of Our Divine Saviour was always for the poor, the sick and the needy I am turning now to you, His followers, to ask for help in ending this avoidable 'loneliness' felt by those we care for here. You may contact me at any time on 07917445272 or during office hours on 764664. I am happy to arrange visits or to come and speak with you about our work and the needs of our clients at any time.

'When I was sick . . . you visited me.' Jesus of Nazareth

Michael Faulkner RMN RNMH LLM, Registered Manager

## **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'.

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

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From the Magazine of Christ Church URC, Solihull:

A Sunday school teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied: 'They couldn't get a baby-sitter'.

## SHORT MATters

Attendances at the start of the New Year have been a little down, probably due to sickness, but it is not due to our league matches, as those involved are invariably present.

The league has got away to a good start with a win at Southwater 39 - 35, revenge after they narrowly beat us at Reigate in our first league game. The Hollings rink won comfortably 21 - 15 and the Nicholls rink narrowly lost 18 - 20 in the last two ends, meaning we earned 4 points to their 2.

Our next game was to West Chiltington who lost 4 - 2 points when they visited us at Reigate. Unfortunately they reversed the result by gaining 6 points with a score 24 - 51. Both rinks suffered from the beginning and the scores were 10 - 30 (Hollings) and 14 - 21 (Tossell). This result meant our Club dropped to fifth in the league.

League Table: North East Division Two.

Team	P	W	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
Ashington Owls	9	7	2	397	317	80	38
Southwater Wasps	9	5	4	349	332	17	30
West Chiltington	6	4	2	284	204	80	26
Mannings Heath Red Squirrels	9	4	5	381	317	64	24
Reigate Park	8	4	4	287	345	-58	22
Barns Green	9	3	6	329	423	-94	22
Horley Hawks	8	2	6	266	355	-89	12

Stop Press!

A report has just arrived to say that Reigate Park SMBC have just beaten the League leaders Ashington 39 - 33 at home. After a poor start, Hollings' rink won 20 - 14 (2 pts.) and Tossell's rink managed to pull back at the end to tie 19 - 19 (1 pt.). We also get 2 points for the overall win (i.e. 5 - 1) and this could put us up to third position.

Brian Dean (☎ 774208)

From *The Messenger* of Uckfield URC

My appointment as its pastor coincided with the church's appeal for aid for the victims of a hurricane. Unfortunately, the centre page of the church bulletin had fallen out and the congregation read from the bottom of the second page to the top of the last: 'Welcome to Reverend Andrew Jensen and his family . . . The worst disaster to hit the area this century. The full extent of the tragedy is not yet known.

Rev. A. Jensen, Chatham, Canada

## **WOMEN'S GUILD**

At our February meeting we had a display of card making by Jane Bourne and Carol McNeill. They showed us lots of techniques for making really professional-looking cards, and left many of us itching to have a go.

At our next meeting on Tuesday 13th March at 10.30 a.m. in the Park Room, the speaker will be our Student Youth Leader, Gemma Stewart.

Liz Bullen

## **YOUTH CLUB CAKE SALE FOR SPORT IN A BOX**

We are trying to raise £160 for UNICEF's Sport in a Box, please help us by buying some yummy cakes from the cake sale after the morning service on 18th March.

The box will include all types of balls, dance costumes and lots of other equipment that you need to play sport. This will help up to 40 orphans who have no sports equipment.

Hope to see you there.

Youth Club

## **BE WITH ME**

'Be with me' I whispered, as the sun began to rise.

'I am here' He answered, 'I am by your side'.

'Be with me' I whispered, 'when I have work to do'.

'I am here' He answered, 'I am here with you'.

'Be with me' I whispered, 'for I sometimes feel alone'.

'I am here' He answered, 'you are never on your own'.

'Be with me' I whispered, 'when I have a load to bear'.

'I am here' He answered, 'I am always there'.

'Be with me' I whispered, 'when I feel I have to grieve'.

'I am here' He answered, 'I will never leave'.

'Be with me' I whispered, 'may we never part'.

'I am here' He answered, 'I am dwelling in your heart'.

Claire Seal

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## MARCH DIARY

- Friday 2nd *Women's World Day of Prayer Services:*  
10.30am Redhill United Reformed Church.  
2.00pm St Mary's, Reigate.  
7.30pm Christ the King, Salford.
- Saturday 3rd 8.00pm Time Out at Hollywood Bowl, Crawley.
- Sunday** 4th 10.00am Rev. David Skitt. Holy Communion.  
6.30pm Rev. David Skitt. Healing Service.  
7.30pm Youth Club.
- Tuesday 6th 8.00pm Church Night - 'Jesus: Rescue and Renewal'.
- Thursday 15th 12.30pm Men's Fellowship. AGM.
- Saturday 10th 10.00am Synod Youth and Children's Event at Caterham.
- Sunday** 11th 10.00am Rev. David Skitt. Baptism of Mark Tarrant.  
6.30pm Rev. David Skitt. Holy Communion.
- Tuesday 13th 10.30am Women's Guild. .  
8.00pm Church Night - 'God's Breath of Life:  
What is the Holy Spirit?'.  
**Sunday** 18th 10.00am Mothering Sunday. Baptism of Kieran and Caelan Goddard  
11.30am **Church Meeting**.  
6.30pm Rev. David Skitt.
- Tuesday 20th 8.00pm Church Night - 'Living by the Spirit'.
- 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 Junior Church Theme Day. Rev. David Skitt.  
6.30pm Service led by Leading Worship Workshop.
- Tuesday 27th 8.00pm Church Night - 'Worship'.
- Wednesday 28th 3.00pm March Birthday Party.
- World Church Weekend -*
- Saturday 31st 12.30pm Chinese meal and talk on China
- Sunday** April 1st 10.00am Rev. Ernest Yu  
3.00pm Group discussions.
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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.