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On a recent brief trip to Holland, I was reminded of a book I have read called *The Hiding Place*. It is written by Corrie ten Boom and tells the story of how she and her family helped Jewish people hide from the Nazis during the occupation of Holland, and describes the horrific experiences of her and her sister Betsy after their arrest, and their time in Ravensbruck concentration camp.

The thing that touched me most in reading that book was the way that their faith never faltered during some of the worst conditions that human beings can ever suffer.

Even during the time in that place which can only be described as hell on earth, Corrie and Betsy believed that God was using them and shared their faith with fellow-prisoners and guards alike, praying and using a bible which Corrie had managed to smuggle in. At the beginning they were separated, and this was something which Corrie found most difficult. They were later able to be together.

During one interrogation, Corrie started talking about Jesus to one of the officers. He later showed her kindness by telling her which cell Betsy was in, and letting her walk slowly past so that she could see her

sister. Towards the end of their time in Ravensbruck Betsy became very ill. During one of their times of devotion, Corrie opened the Bible at 1 Thessalonians, and read 'Comfort the frightened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all...'

It seemed to be written especially for Ravensbruck. Betsy died soon after.

Although none of us have had to suffer in the way Corrie and her family did, I'm sure we have times when things happen in life which we just don't understand. I pray that when those times come we are able to have that same faith and trust in Jesus, and feel secure in the knowledge that whatever life throws at us, He is there to help us.

Rene Cummins



Reigate Park's total this year was £1671.25, over £120 more than last year's. Our very warmest thanks go to all our faithful collectors.

Now for next year

Anne and John Sowton

PRAYER CALENDAR

This month's prayer cycle of Churches Together in Reigate and Redhill is shown below.

1st July *Church of the Holy Family (RC),
Yorke Road.*

8th July *Sandcross Lane Church.*

15th July *St Matthew's Church, Station Road,
Redhill.*

22nd July *Redhill Counselling Centre at the East Surrey Hospital.*

29th July *Redhill Methodist Church, Gloucester Road.*



JUNIOR CHURCH

A quick reminder that Nick White, our Synod Youth and Children's Work Training and Development Officer, is presenting 'Core Skills for Children's Work' in different venues over the next few months. The full list is on the notice board in the Hall, and on Monday 25th June Reigate Park is hosting 'Spirituality and the Bible'. If you would like to attend any of the sessions, whether at Reigate Park or elsewhere, please talk to Pat Denchfield or Angela Bolton. The Core Skills book is on the table in the Church Library.

We are holding our summer meal for all Junior Church leaders and helpers on Friday 13th July, this year in the form of a bring and share supper. Please let your co-ordinators know as soon as possible if you are coming.

WOMEN'S GUILD

At our last meeting on Tuesday 12th June, we spent a very pleasant morning listening to the eight Desert Island Discs chosen by our castaway Philip Down. Apart from the beautiful music chosen by Philip we learnt how he became a church organist at the age of twelve, about his time in national service and his years running his radio and television business.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10th July at 10.30 a.m. in the Park Room, when our speaker will be David Cooper who will be telling us about his visit last year to Uganda with the Scouts.

Liz Bullen

THE RECORD

Please note that next month (the August issue, prepared in July), Peter Whipps will be guest editor. E-mails to record@reigateparkchurch.org will go to him! The closing date for typed or hand-written copy is 15th July - please keep strictly to this.

THANKS

Dear David and friends,

I have been very spoiled and truly loved. Thank you for all who were part of this and an enabling of the healing process. Also for a great surgeon and his caring team, and for the best physician, the Lord himself, THANKS!

Rosemary Tames

MONDAY MORNING GROUP

This month we hope to complete our second York Course, Faith in the Fire, in which the Bible studies are reinforced by comments from Archbishop David Hope, Rabbi Lionel Blue, Steve Chalke, Rev. Dr Leslie Griffiths and Ann Widdecombe MP. The sessions are self-contained, and the final session planned is:

2nd July - Faith fuelling Action.

You will be very welcome to this meeting, which is to be held in the Park Room from 10.30 a.m., closing at 11.45 a.m.

ECOTEAM UPDATE

How time flies! Reigate Park Church Ecoteam are back in action again after a six-month sabbatical. With two of us now having moved and health on the whole much improved we are hoping over the next six months of this year to pull together all the final strands of our Action Plan that we developed after our environmental audit completed back in 2005. We aim to apply for an Eco-Congregation Award next year.

Meanwhile, I will continue to provide monthly updates in the Record on any news or issues that seem relevant. We have just moved to a house that needs a lot of work doing to it, all of which we hope to complete if at all possible with an eye very much on being environmentally friendly and sustainable. I will keep you up to date on how we do with that and I have much else to share with you over the next few months as there have been some major and exciting national and global changes recently. It seems the climate change issue is at long last being taken seriously and changes are finally gaining momentum.

One such example of this is LIVEEARTH (the concerts for a climate in crisis) which is on the 7th July 2007. Live Earth's 24 hours of music across 7 continents will deliver a call to action to combat the climate crisis - and the solutions needed to answer the call. Live Earth will mark the beginning of a multi-year mass persuasion campaign led by The Alliance for Climate Protection to move individuals, corporations and governments to solve the

climate crisis.

Many of you were disappointed at the news that the paper mill in Fife closed and so Tetrapak recycling was no longer an option in the UK. Well now it is again! Through the Alliance for Beverage Cartons and the Environment UK (ACE UK), Tetra Pak and its industry partners have invested significant funds into developing carton recycling capacity in the UK. Our neighbours Tandridge have recycling points and Mid Sussex and Brighton and Hove have kerbside collections.

Unfortunately Reigate and Banstead Borough Council currently have no recycling facilities for Tetrapaks. There are two things that we can do about this:

1) Write to our local authority at Reigate and Banstead Borough Council, Reigate Town Hall, Castlefield Road, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 0SH and let them know that we want to have Tetrapak recycling facilities and that help is available for them to set up collection schemes if they are interested.

2) If you would like to start recycling straight away, you can post them (clean and flattened) directly to the Tetrapak collection site at Recycling - Tetrapak, c/o Perrys Recycling, Showground Road, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 6AJ. You can also visit www.tetrapakrecycling.co.uk/labels.htm and download postage labels and instructions. Please note that this is not a freepost service.

Sonia Christie ☎ 270095 or email.

WORSHIP IN THE MONTH OF JULY

At 10 a.m. on **Sunday 1st July** all are invited to this year's CIVIC SERVICE at our church as one of our members, Dorothy Ross-Tomlin, moves into her year as Mayor of Reigate and Banstead. We wish her every blessing. The Theme of the service is one of the Mayor's themes for the year: 'Cool to Care' with bible readings from Ecclesiastes 3: 1 - 12 and Luke 10: 25 - 37.

At 6.30 p.m. we take an extended look in the evening service at Simeon's prayer, the Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2: 21 - 40).

At 10 a.m. on **Sunday 8th July** the morning service includes the baptism of Sienna Chase and the theme is 'The Need for Closeness, the Need for Distance' with bible readings 2 Corinthians 1: 3 - 11 and Luke 4: 38 - 44.

At 6.30 p.m. the evening communion service will be led by Sue Knight.

At 10 a.m. on **Sunday 15th July** the morning service will include COMMUNION and the reception of new members. The theme of the service will be 'How will you understand?' with bible readings Mark 1: 16 - 18 and Mark 4: 1 - 20.

At 3 p.m. all are invited to a service which Reigate Rotary Club will be attending entitled: 'Share the Load'. The bible readings will be Exodus 18: 13 - 23 and Matthew 23: 1 - 12.

At 6.30 p.m. the Methodist Church invites us for an evening service singing our favourites from amongst Charles Wesley's hymns.

At 12.15 p.m. on **Wednesday 18th July** we consider the legacy of St Swithin at our Midweek Communion Service and hope it doesn't rain.

At 10 a.m. on **Sunday 22nd July** we mark Medical Missions Sunday as Richard Bolton and a friend share insights from their medical training and placements abroad.

At 3 p.m. we have our young people's Film Première in aid of Brain Tumour UK.

At 10 a.m. on **Sunday 29th July** our morning service is led by Sue Knight. At 4.30 p.m. we are leading the service at Dovers Residential Home.

A warm welcome to any or all of these services.

CRADLE ROLL COFFEE

If someone in your family has had a baptism at RPC over the past 18 months or so, you will be very welcome to come for coffee and play in the Park Room on Wednesday 27th June from 9.30 - 12.

For more information contact Angela Bolton ☎ 248430

ZIMBABWE PROJECT

When I last wrote in the *Record* we had high hopes of getting our consignment of blankets and jumpers, etc. to Harare, but that didn't work out in the end. So we continued to search for a worthy cause and finally found one in Reigate Baptists' project in Lesotho.

The route to Lesotho in this case is via the Africa Inland Mission in Cape Town, whence things are driven up to Lesotho. So having checked everything and re-assessed the value of the articles we were sending, to comply with South Africa's import regulations, we left the two boxes in the capable hands of Brooklands International Freight Services and DHL on Wednesday 6th June. Late on the 8th we heard they had arrived safely and had been signed for at the Mission that day, a really happy ending. We do thank you for your prayers and support over the last couple of months while we have been endeavouring to sort this out.

Jean and Alec Bushby

UNICEF - MITE NEWS

The central point of UNICEF's work is taking care of CHILDREN. Their health and safety take priority in the work of the charity. This is why living conditions, sanitation, shelter, clean water, food and medical supplies etc. are in the centre of appeals. Medical centres (clinics) are established and nurses (travelling) are trained. Also great effort is made to keep children busy, occupied and together - e.g. 'Sport in a Box', 'School in a Box' when there is a catastrophe. When there is loss, effort is made to unite families or to make family groups. Programmes of vaccination take place - even stopping wars for a day.

One tub of 5ps, on an average £2, could save a child's life - not too much to ask, is it?

Thank you for your contribution to helping Darfur where UNICEF has been working since last year.

Hazel Arscott

A BIRTHDAY PARTY

Is your birthday in July? Then please come and join the rest of the July Shiners including David at our Birthday Tea on Monday July 9th from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Park Room. There is no age restriction, 0 to 99 - all are welcome, bring your family if you can't come by yourself. A very happy birthday to all born in July whether you admit it or not. Please let us know if you are able to join us, it will help with the catering.

Angela Merritt, ☎ 223274

SHORT MATters

The club is now in the 'off season' period of our sport when we only have club sessions, but not for our Captain and Match Secretary Ron Hollings who is busy arranging our league fixtures for the 2007/8 season. All the arranging is done on the telephone when he has to contend with not only our opponents' complexes, but also the availability of our own players. He has requested our members to let him know when they know they are not available, but this is difficult when it is so far ahead!

On the Spring Bank Holiday Monday, not knowing how many would turn up, we had a surprise when there were 18 - 13 members and 5 visitors. They had been before on some Tuesdays, but decided to try a Monday session. They seemed a little over-whelmed by so many players as they are used to only one mat at the Woodhatch Centre, but we did our best to make them feel 'at home' and maybe they will become members.

Church Night has been arranged on Tuesday July 31st to give an opportunity to learn more about short mat bowls and even to have a go. We look forward to seeing many people there who would like an opportunity to try.

Brian Dean (☎ 774208)

LADIES READ ON . . .

Wednesday, 4th July is RPC ladies' night out. We will be meeting at the Black Horse, Reigate from 7.30 p.m.. All ladies, whatever age, are warmly invited to join us for a meal or just a drink. It's a really social opportunity to meet and get to know people from church a little better, whether you have just started coming or if you have been coming for ever! We really hope you can make our evening out. See you there.

Do let one of us know if you are able to offer a lift or if you need a lift.

Jacki Glasgow ☎ 225409, Sonia Christie ☎ 270095, Angela Bolton ☎ 248430

CRÈCHE ROTA

This is the rota for July. 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

1st July	Jacki Glasgow	
8th July	Lefteri Deda	Claire Harris
15th July	Karen Best	Gretta Taylor
22nd July	Sandra Reid	
29th July	Eleanor Kiy	

NEWS FROM THE FINANCIAL AWARENESS GROUP

Enclosed with this edition of The Record you will find the second in a series* of new leaflets being produced by the Financial Awareness Group.

The new leaflet focuses on Standing Orders, explaining why it is so helpful for the Church to receive your donations in this way, and including a form for you to send to your bank, should you wish to pursue this.

It makes an enormous difference to the Church to know that it can rely on a certain amount of regular income from its members and adherents, so do please take action if you can. Either set up a new standing order or, if you already have one, how about increasing it? It's all too easy to set up a standing order, then forget about it for years and years - until you may find that in fact you are giving much less than you actually intend...

Currently, just over 50 per cent of total donations come through standing orders, and we'd like to increase this figure. Can you help us to make a difference?

Any questions, please contact one of the Financial Awareness Group:

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* the first leaflet was circulated with the April Record and focused on Gift Aid. Copies of both leaflets are available at the Financial Info Point in the church foyer.

TODDLERS AND TINIES

There will be our regular termly meeting for all Toddlers and Tinies volunteers on Thursday 15th July at 12.00 in the Hall. Lunch will be provided.

For more information contact Angela Bolton ☎ 248430

TIME OUT

Time-Out BBQ from 8 p.m. on Friday evening July 20th at Linda Chandler's house, 48 Emlyn Road, Redhill. Please bring your own meat and drink. All over 20's very welcome. Please let Linda (☎ 763328) or Denise (☎ 762022) know if you're coming and pray for a fine evening!

Denise Anderson

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JULY DIARY

Sunday	1st	10.00am	Rev. David Skitt. Civic Service.
		6.30pm	Rev. David Skitt.
Tuesday	3rd	8.00pm	Church Night - World Wildlife Fund.
Wednesday	4th	7.30pm	Revive Ladies' Night Out at the Black Horse, Reigate.
Sunday	8th	10.00am	Rev. David Skitt. Baptism of Sienna Chase.
		6.30pm	Sue Knight. Holy Communion.
Tuesday	10th	10.30am	Women's Guild .
		8.00pm	Church Night - The Woodhatch Centre today.
Thursday	12th	9.45am	Men's Fellowship. Outing to Scotney Castle.
Sunday	15th	10.00am	Rev. David Skitt. Holy Communion.
			Reception of new members.
		11.30am	Church Meeting.
		3.00pm	Rev. David Skitt. Rotary Service.
		6.30pm	Reigate Methodist Church. Charles Wesley's hymns.
Tuesday	17th	8.00pm	Church Night - Can we make a better world? - 5.
Wednesday	18th	12.15pm	Rev. David Skitt. Midweek Communion Service.
Friday	20th	8.00pm	Time Out BBQ at 48 Emlyn Road, Redhill.
Sunday	22nd	10.00am	Medical Missions Sunday. Richard Bolton..
		3.00pm	Young People's Film Première for Brain Tumour UK.
Tuesday	24th	8.00pm	Church Night - The minister's ten favourite films (with excerpts).
Thursday	26th	11.00am	Zimbabwe Work Party at 1 Evesham Road.
Sunday	29th	10.00am	Sue Knight.
		4.30pm	Service at Dovers Residential Home.
Tuesday	31st	8.00pm	Church Night - Try your hand at Bowls.

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.