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# **REIGATE PARK CHURCH**

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A URC minister tells a story of his questioning the Elders of an ex-Presbyterian church. I abridge the story.

M: What is the theological position of this church?

E: Would you repeat the question?

M: What is the theological position of this church?

E: Would you explain the question?

M: Why should people come to this church rather than the Baptist church round the corner?

E: Because they're Scots.

We may smile, but how would our Elders answer the original question? Fortunately I'm not Chair of Elders but it set me thinking about my own theological position.

For many years I was an agnostic. When Liz and I were first married we attended an Anglican church. Their theological position seemed to be that it was all very simple, no especial effort was required, you only had to believe and you were saved. I remained unmoved.

After five years we moved to Reigate Park. Here for the first time I found that doubts and uncertainties were accepted, even encouraged. I began to question and received answers. Eventually, having decided that I could in all conscience make the required promises, I became a church member. It was a moment of quiet satisfaction rather than dramatic change. Doubts remained and I continued to question.

In February of last year an article in *Reform* grabbed my attention. At the November Church Meeting I was handed a contact address and as a result this April attended the

annual conference of *Free to Believe*. This is an informal network of liberally minded members of the URC who wish to keep it an open, inclusive and thinking church. I was not disappointed, the conference was a deeply enriching experience. For two days we examined the other world faiths, we explored the boundaries of the Christian faith, and in the process we each confirmed our own 'theological position'. And mine?

*I believe that the Bible, with its heady mix of sublime poetry, grotesque violence and profound truth, is a unique account of how the Judaeo-Christian interpretation of God developed over time.*

*I believe that God is the divine presence deep inside each one of us urging us to live and to love to the uttermost, and to move beyond the barriers that separate us from our fellow human beings.*

*I believe that Jesus was the perfect human embodiment of God.*

With every good wish

Mike Bullen

## MONDAY MORNING GROUP

We meet each Monday morning for coffee and begin our study at 10.30 a.m. with a really deep discussion starting from the relevant bible reading, but often covering quite unexpected areas arising from the experiences and concerns of the group members. You are welcome to come to any, or all, of this Autumn's meetings, which continue on the book of Acts:

- 5th November A New Theology (Acts 5: 12 - 8: 3)
- 12th November Open House? (Acts 8: 3 - 40)
- 19th November The challenge of Paul (Acts 9: 1 - 31)
- 26th November There must be limits, surely! (Acts 9: 32 - 11: 30)
- 3rd December Herod is still a threat (Acts 12: 1 -23)

## EASTER WORKSHOP 2008

With David leaving RPC at the end of the year, he will not be taking part in this exciting four-morning Workshop. We will certainly need ideas and suggestions but most importantly of all we will need to know we are being supported in as many ways as possible in this event by everyone at RPC.

I am therefore calling an early meeting about the 2008 Easter Workshop. This is to be an open meeting for anyone of all ages who has any thoughts about it at all, whether you have been involved in the past, would like to be involved in the future or just have ideas. Maybe you know someone who has been involved, or you just wonder what it is all about.

Please come along to the meeting on **Monday 19th November at 8.00** p.m. in the Park Room.

Angela Bolton

## PRAYER CALENDAR

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

**4th November** St John's Church, Pendleton Road, Redhill.

**11th November** St Katharine's Church, Church Hill, Merstham.

**18th November** Reigate Park Church.

**25th November** Redhill Corps of the Salvation Army, Lower Bridge Road, Redhill.

## THANK YOU FROM THE CHRISTIE FAMILY

Sonia, Bruce, Ellie, Ollie and Alex Christie want to say a huge thank you to the church family and to David Skitt for our boys' wonderful baptism on 14th October. As those of you who were there will know, it was a high-tech affair with a web-cam link to Australia so that my sister and brother in law who are godparents could watch the proceedings. So much work went on behind the scenes by Pat, Chris, Matt and Sarah Denchfield, and we are very grateful to them as it meant so much to our family to have them take part in this way. Many of our friends and family commented on the warmth and friendliness of our church, we felt so proud of you all! Thank you once again.

The Christie Family

## BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting is on Monday, 5th November at 8 p.m. at Michael Ball's, 23 The Close (☎ 244224). The book is *The Jane Austen Book Club*, by Karen Joy Fowler.

## THE LEPROSY MISSION

I have just sent £97.64 from donation boxes to TLM, bringing the total for this year to £205.31. I do thank those of you who continue collecting in this way. It means a lot to TLM. If anyone else would like to have a donation box please ask me for one.

Unfortunately I have been unable to arrange a quiz evening this year but hope to rectify this in the spring.

Copies of *New Day* are in the foyer, also a few Christmas catalogues. Please help yourselves to these. If you wish me to order anything for you from the catalogue please let me know as soon as possible.

Thank you

Dorothy Gray

## **ELEPHANT PUMP**

Shirley Harnett (for Connect) has received this letter from Pump Aid:

On behalf of Pump Aid, I write to extend sincere thanks for your recent donation, which is so invaluable to us.

Typically we will install an Elephant Pump at a poor rural school along with improvements to their sanitation facilities and establishment of a nutrition garden. We train the staff, children and local community on how to maintain the pumps and on related areas such as agriculture, health and hygiene. We then build pumps in four or five villages around the school so that children have clean water at school and at home.

In recognition of your tremendous support, I am pleased to enclose a certificate of pump sponsorship. Your pump will have such a life-changing, positive impact for so many people. Over 500 children/adults will benefit every day, and we cannot thank you enough.

From all who will benefit from their new pump, I send heartfelt thanks and blessings,

With warm regards

Ros Hadden, for Pump Aid

### **CANTATA**

**7.30 pm on Saturday 17 November**

at Reigate Park Church

**A JOINT CONCERT TO SUPPORT PUMPAID FOR ZIMBABWE**

Tickets free of charge with a Retiring Collection

All welcome

## WORSHIP IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

On Sunday **4th November** at 10 a.m. at our communion service the youngsters will meet separately to celebrate their Theme Day while we think of 'All Saints - the Little Ones' with readings from Matthew 18: 1 - 14 and 1 Peter 2: 4 - 12.

At 6.30 p.m. we will experience the value of a short time of stillness. The theme will be 'Be Quiet!' and the bible readings Joshua 5: 10 - 15 and Luke 4: 31 - 37.

On Sunday **11th November** at 10 a.m. our Remembrance Day Service will include the two minute silence. The theme will be 'Weapons of Christ's Construction' with a presentation by FROGS (our secondary school youngsters whose group is so called because they wish to be **Fully Reliant On God's Spirit**) and an item led by Graham Whybra which the Worship Group found very helpful. Bible readings will be 2 Corinthians 10: 1 - 5 and Matthew 26: 47 - 56 with two lovely contributions from the choir.

At 6.30 p.m. our evening communion will reflect on how 'It all comes down to this' with readings from Luke 4: 14 - 21 and Luke 13: 10 - 17.

For our Bible Sunday on **18th November** at 10 a.m. six of our congregation will choose a helpful Bible passage and say why it speaks to them.

At 6.30 p.m. CANTAMUS presents Fauré's *Requiem* plus readings and other musical items for Remembrance.

At 12.15 p.m. on **Wednesday 21st November** we will consider 'Taxpaying Fish' in Matthew 17: 24 - 27 in our Midweek Communion Service.

On Sunday **25th November** our morning service at 10 a.m. will include the baptism of Oliver Burch and Anna Mitchell as we 'Receive Christ with Thanksgiving' (1 Timothy 4: 4 - 10 and Romans 6: 1 - 5).

At 6.30 p.m. we shall look at the characters in the story of the Raising of Lazarus in John 11.

A warm welcome to any or all of these services.

## CHURCH HOLIDAY TO WILLERSLEY CASTLE

We have once again arranged a Church Holiday to Willersley Castle, Derbys. It is a great place in beautiful surroundings. We are going from 25th to 30th May inclusive 2008. We need your completed booking forms returned at the latest by 9th December please.

Daphne and David Hamblin ☎ 01342 892465



**AND** - for the first time since 2005 - they need **blankets, pillows and pillow cases and towels** - supplies have run out!

**Cash Donations** - also much needed to enable CRISIS to buy last minute extras.

Our collection will start on **Sunday 18th November** and will run for the next two weeks ending on **Sunday 2nd December**. There will be boxes in the foyer each Sunday for our goods and an extra box for cash donations.

This is our fifteenth year of support for CRISIS - please help as much as you can so that in the midst of our own Christmas celebrations these lonely and vulnerable people have a better time and realise that they are not forgotten.

Contact for any queries - Jill Campbell (☎ 223831)

## **CHURCH NIGHTS**

Church Nights are held on Tuesdays in the Park Room, usually at 8 p.m., concluding with coffee and tea at 9.15 p.m.

The programme for the rest of the year is as follows:

Tuesday 6th November. *Simply Christian* - 'Believing and Belonging'.

Tuesday 13th November. *Simply Christian* - 'New Creation, Starting Now'.

Tuesday 20th November. 'Ethics of Journalism' - Graham Larcombe.

Tuesday 27th November. Moral Issues: Crime and Punishment.

Tuesday 4th December **at 7 p.m.** Schools Carols Festival.

Tuesday 11th December. Moral Issues: Peer Pressure.

## **'CALLED TO BE ELDERS'**

All members have the responsibility of appointing elders to serve at Reigate Park Church. This annual event is an important moment in the life of our church. It is the time when we must all give careful consideration to the current and future needs of the church, and thought and prayer about those who have been nominated for service as elders. The elders share responsibility with the minister for the pastoral care and leadership of the church.

At our November Church meeting, we are due to elect four of our fourteen Elders. We are a large Church, so it is difficult to put faces to the names of the nominees. To help us get to know them better here are six short biographies. Please give prayerful consideration before Church Meeting on Sunday morning, November 18th.

**DAVID BRETHERTON** with his family have been worshipping at RPC for ten years. He has been RPC Scout Leader for the last six years, acted as a

Kidz Club co-leader and now helps in Junior Church in Vines group. David was part of an action group founded four years ago to focus on Youth within RPC and which was Gemma's support group. He currently chairs Youth Council. He was very actively involved in the project to appoint a Strategic Minister for Youth and Community work and presented to Elders and District. He is also known for minor parts of church life like Pantomime in distinctive costume, running errands or his vocal chords during hymns (he sang in the choir at York Minster while at school there). David works as manager in a Reigate estate agency and is an active member of Reigate Business Guild.

**IAN BUCK** was born in 1958 in Greenford Middlesex, moving 'down south' at the age of twelve, first to East Grinstead and then, after getting married, to Horley, then Earlswood. He is married to Jane and has two sons, David and Stephen, and as a family they have been actively part of Reigate Park Church since 1992. A lifelong railwayman, he now works for a train leasing company advising on, delivering and inspecting trains all over Europe, if anyone is remotely interested he will explain on a personal basis! His church involvement has been much varied over the last 15 years but has mostly revolved around youth and junior church work, culminating in the setting up of the FROGS group for the senior end of Junior Church. He also now has the dubious responsibility of the church sound system, easily his most challenging yet. He is an ordained elder, previously serving as an elder at both Banstead and Reigate Park URC churches. Why is he standing for elder now? Well, his job means that he will not be away from home so much and he can devote more time to the church. The time ahead will be very challenging for us but he believes we can rise to it. He is a great believer that the church is for all people and one of his aims is to see the younger people do much more, he can't wait for the new Youth Minister to start. Almost as important, he is keen to get that sound system working properly!

**SUE CRONE** moved to Reigate 20 years ago to do her Health Visiting training, and has worked for East Surrey Primary Health Care ever since. She met her husband Gary here and they have four daughters. She has been attending Reigate Park Church for six years and her daughter Jenny became a member last year. Her children feel at home when they enter the doors of Reigate Park Church and that is one of the reasons she changed her place of worship to this more child-friendly church environment. She helps in Junior Church and Youth Club. She puts her name down for various rotas, be it the Sunday morning coffee, cleaning the church, stewarding, or taking a group of young people away to Canterbury for the weekend as part of their Alpha course. She enjoyed working alongside Gemma, our student youth worker. She is particularly interested in our young people in the church family and in our community. Through her work as a Public Health Practitioner she is involved with the local secondary school and Young Parents Group based at

the Sovereign Centre. She would like to be able to share her insight into the issues that challenge these young people particularly when we have our Youth Minister in post. She has been asked by several people to be nominated as an elder. She is not absolutely sure what strengths they see in her but is willing to do her best and use her strengths to help this church to continue to develop.

**DAVID MERCER** was born 1948, but kept young at heart, having chased a pack of cub scouts around for the last 25 years. He grew up in Romford, Essex, and was a keen member of the local Congregational Church's Boys' Brigade Company until the family moved to Reigate., where he became an active member of the High Street church's youth group and the YMCA. He met and married Margy and they have three grown-up children. He was elected as an elder and served a three-year term before giving up to become Akela of the church cub pack. (Being a male he says he can only single-task!) He is a member of the church choir and if you want to see golf played badly, he's up for it.

**TINA PAPWORTH** has been a member of Reigate Park Church since 1995 and has been very much involved with the youth of the church through leading the parent and Toddlers group, teaching in Junior Church and now, through being the church liaison with the Duke of Edinburgh's candidates. She has a family of her own and so needs continuously to 'keep her finger on the pulse' of youth affairs. Her interests include reading, horse riding, keeping fit at the gym and she has an eclectic taste in music! She feels she was honoured three years ago to be elected onto the Eldership and since then her understanding of the rôle of church leadership has grown immensely; however, she still feels she has a lot to learn and, should she be re-elected, she would build on the firm foundations of that knowledge, using it in service of the church at this time of change and new beginnings.

**PETER WHIPPS** showed his independent streak at an early age (in Hackney) deserting to the local Congregational chapel when the Church of England Sunday School, to which he had been sent, proved too boring. He has been a member of our Reigate church since 1967, in High Street days, shortly after moving to Redhill to take up employment as a scientist. He has served the church for a number of terms as elder/deacon and also in other roles including, most memorably, the building group for our new church. Currently he tries to act as chairman for the media committee and is also part of the group which prints and puts together the *Record* each month. He has also served the local Churches Together (Council of Churches) in various responsibilities. Now "retired", he tries to make sense of his (and other people's) family trees; he claims a draw with his back garden slugs this year but was narrowly defeated by the weeds. He is also actively involved with the

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Gatton Community Theatre (next production in December: tickets available soon!).

## 10 ENERGY SAVING TIPS

With winter fast approaching, I am exploring ways to insulate our new home. The average poorly insulated home wastes around £200.00 per year on fuel. Insulating your roof and walls can reduce heat loss by 50 per cent. The following ten tips are simple measures that we can all take to reduce household energy bills and our impact on the environment.

1. Close curtains at dusk to prevent heat escaping through windows. Set the heating thermostat to 18 to 21 C.
2. Use energy efficient light bulbs.
3. Fit hot water tanks and lag pipes with an insulating jacket that is at least 80 mm thick - it could save you £10 - £15 a year. Set cylinder thermostat to 60 C.
4. Draught-proof windows, doors and floors and fill gaps under skirting boards with beading or mastic sealant to stop draughts and heat escaping.
5. Insulate your loft to the recommended 270 mm depth and insulate your walls with cavity wall insulation.
6. Look out for the Energy Efficiency Recommended Logo when buying new electrical appliances to help you choose appliances that will cost you less to run.
7. Fridge Freezers are the most hardworking appliances on our kitchens. To help cut costs, don't leave the fridge door open longer than is necessary, avoid putting hot food into the fridge, defrost the freezer regularly and check that the door seals are working properly.
8. If your boiler is older than 15 years old, replacing it with a new energy-efficient one could save around a third on heating bills straight away, and even more if you upgrade to modern controls.
9. Double glazing cuts heat loss through windows by 50 per cent.
10. Take a Home Energy Check. Call the Energy Efficiency Advice Centre on 0800 512 012 for free impartial advice on how to make your home more energy efficient.

Reigate and Banstead Borough Council is working with HEAT Project to help us insulate our homes. They offer grants for householders, regardless of income. For further information or contact all you need do is call the freephone number 0800 093 4050 or apply online at [www.heatproject.co.uk](http://www.heatproject.co.uk)

RPC Ecoteam meets monthly with the aim of turning Reigate Park Church into an environmentally friendly church and by passing the message on to other churches and in schools. We would love to welcome new participants onto our friendly team. For further information do contact me, our next meeting is on Monday 19th November at 8 p.m. at 26 Windmill Way, Reigate. There will be no meeting in December.

## FINANCIAL AWARENESS GROUP - ONE YEAR ON

It's now one year since we wrote in the Record announcing the launch of the Financial Awareness Group, so we thought it would be helpful to give a brief review\* of our activities over the year, and a recap of our central message.

What we have aimed to do as a Group to date has been to try to ensure that all money given to the Church is given in the most efficient and effective way.

We've therefore focused initially on technical issues, which have been:

1. GIFT AID. We're trying to ensure that every donation by anyone who pays tax is made via Gift Aid - this applies both to 'regular giving' schemes (e.g. standing order, offertory envelopes) - but also to any one-off donations (e.g. cash collection or special projects).

2. STANDING ORDERS. This is by far the best way to give to the Church! Many people already use this method, and we are hoping to encourage more members to change to Standing Order if at all possible, as this is more beneficial to the Church.

Therefore, IF:

- you are a tax-payer and have any doubts about Gift Aid . . . OR
- you would be in a position to donate by standing order, but do not yet do so

PLEASE refer to the new Gift Aid and Standing Order leaflets we have placed in the foyer to see what action you should take - or contact one of the Group below with any queries.

The next issue to be covered is LEGACIES, and in the New Year we hope to produce a leaflet on this very effective way of giving to the Church.

The Group firmly believes that if we can tighten up HOW we give, including reclaiming every bit of tax we can, we'll be able to go a long way towards meeting the ever-increasing financial needs of the Church as it continues to flourish and grow.

Members of the Financial Awareness Group are:

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|--------------|----------|----------------|----------------|
| Helen Samuel | ☎ 246305 | Antonia Sood   | ☎ 223121       |
| Nicky Bryant | ☎ 221102 | Daphne Hamblin | ☎ 01342 892465 |

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\* Anyone interested in more detail may ask for a copy of the full 'Annual Review' prepared recently for the Elders.

## **TRAIDCRAFT OR FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS?**

This article, from Redhill URC's Newsletter, applies equally to our church.

Traidcraft have noticed a reduction in sales recently. It is widely thought to be because people feel there is no longer the need to support Traidcraft, as many shops now sell a wide range of fair trade products. However, supermarkets don't offer all the help, support and development that Traidcraft does.

I have been asked to convey to our church family that it still makes a HUGE difference to buy Traidcraft products. I will try to highlight the salient points. Traidcraft is a founder member of the Fairtrade Foundation. The fair trade market in the UK is now the largest in the world, which is a great achievement. Fairtrade certification guarantees:-

- A fair price which covers the cost of sustainable production

- An extra premium to invest in community projects

- Defined standards for the health, social and economic welfare of producers

- Defined standards for the protection of the environment

Traidcraft do even more:-

- Work with poor and small-scale producer groups

- Work in partnership with producers, committing to long-term relationships and regular contact.

- Invest in the development of producers to help them build professional and sustainable businesses,

- Offer the widest range of fair trade products in the UK

- Pioneer innovations in fair trade

- lobby governments to advance the cause of fair trade

- Help tackle issues that are faced by people who are disadvantaged by unfair trade agreements

- Seek to demonstrate ethical business practices and challenge others to do the same

Thanks to you for all the great support that you have already given to Traidcraft and please carry on buying Traidcraft products.

Janette Waters

## **COFFEE ROTA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If anyone feels they could help with the tea and coffee which we provide after the Sunday morning service, please contact Wendy Boon on 225873.

## **CRAFT FAIR**

On Saturday, 13th October Crafty Chat held a Craft Fair in the church hall to help raise funds for the new kitchen. With the help of people hiring tables for their products, we were able to have 14 tables displaying a wide range of goods from Usborne Books, bee hive produce, jewellery, knitted and fabric goods, jams and preserves, cards, pencil holders, plants and cakes. There was candle rolling and making friendship bracelets for children and the Scouts were doing car washing in the car park. We would like to thank everyone who came to support us and also came to enjoy a cup of tea and some cake and biscuits. The total amount raised was £244.

Jane Buck

## **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Our meeting on Thursday 11th October began with a wonderful lunch in the hall, provided by equally wonderful ladies and thoroughly enjoyed by us all. We adjourned to the Park Room and heard Anne Richardson give an engrossing account of her work. Employed by one of the Surrey Mental Health Trusts, she described her rôle in providing for the spiritual needs of people in its care who have learning difficulties, some suffering mental illness as well. Many are unable to communicate, but must be assumed to have needs nevertheless and Anne and her colleagues work in a variety of ways in response to them. The team can draw on the help of ministers of many faiths. The picture of acceptance and tolerance, of deep respect and indeed love for the sufferers, the recognition of the unique humanity and infinite value of each one which came through Anne's talk I found nothing short of inspirational.

Two people whom she instanced stay in the mind. One habitually removed from the face and broke the spectacles of strangers, the other could not tolerate wearing any clothes at all, and systematically and totally shredded those garments the regulations stipulate must be provided for all. Anne and her colleagues tolerate being touched and hugged without reacting with any sign of displeasure, building bridges of trust, which is often a very slow process. The liveliness of the questions and discussion which followed the talk were a sure sign of its excellence. It was given without notes.

At our next meeting on 8th November, Ralph Bristow will tell us about his experience of growing up in the USA, illustrating the talk with slides. As usual, members will be assumed to be coming unless they let Peter Charlton know otherwise.

John Sowton

## UNICEF MITE NEWS

Once again Darfur is in the news as the fighting continues and the area was flooded - so again an appeal for help. These disasters continue - too much or too little water, too much or too little sun and in this case WAR. Trying to live under these conditions must be very difficult and what sort of life can a child have? Food, education, safety, shelter? So do - please remember the children, even the humble 5p can help. Is it too much to ask for a film tub of 5ps, 10ps, 20ps or even 50ps etc.? PLEASE REMEMBER the young ones caught up in these tragedies. N.B. From November 4 to December 24th the soft toys bought in IKEA will contribute £1 to UNICEF and Save the Children.

Hazel Arscott

## LADIES' XMAS MEAL OUT

It is almost time for the RPC ladies' Christmas meal out on Wednesday 28th November 2007 at the Seven Stars in Leigh, at 7.30 p.m. for 7.45 p.m. All ladies, whatever age are warmly invited to join us for a most enjoyable meal. It's a relaxed, fun opportunity to meet and get to know people from church a little better! We really hope you can make our evening out.

If you would like to come then please contact one of us by Sunday 11th November to give your deposit (£10.00), arrange what you would like to eat and let us know if lifts are needed. Alternatively, one of us will be at the Ask Here point after each service on the 4th and 11th November.

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

## SHORT MATters

No matches to report as we have not played any since our last report, but there will be seven matches in November with two to be reported in the next issue and five in January. The first two matches in November are against clubs we have not met before, so you should have some interesting reading over Christmas.

We seem to have members who are travelling far, like South Africa, eastern United States and other European countries, so our sessions have been a bit short on players. Let us hope they are all back for our matches soon.

There is still room for more members, especially under 70 years as many existing members are approaching the next decade. Why not come along on a Monday afternoon and see for yourself all about this interesting sport?

Brian Dean (☎ 774208)

## FROM A SISTER TO HER BROTHERS

Sometimes, the world can be daunting.  
 And you'll feel like everything's impossible.  
 To overcome this, all you need to do is remember,  
 Remember these words;

You are so special.  
 There is no other Oliver just like you.  
 No one else can play the violin just like you.  
 No one else could be as brave as you in times of hardship.  
 No one else has your wonderful infectious laugh.  
 No one else eats chillies just like you!  
 No one else has your kind and considerate nature.  
 And no one else could be a better brother than you are to me.

You are so special.  
 There is no other Alex just like you.  
 No one else shares as well as you.  
 No one else could carry off a Mohican as well as you!  
 No one else is as independent as you.  
 No one else chatters as much as you.  
 No one else is as confident as you.  
 And no one else could be a better brother than you are to me.

So go out into this world today,  
 Wearing not a mask  
 But your own face  
 And make a difference.  
 Even if it's small, like smiling at someone  
 It will make a difference.  
 You are unique.  
 You are so loved.  
 There is no one else in this entire world like you.  
 Take advantage of that and you will be glad you did.  
 That I promise you.

From your loving sister Ellie

*This poem, which she had written, was read by Ellie Christie at the baptism of her two brothers.*

## WOMEN'S GUILD

The speaker at our October meeting was Anne Richardson, who told us about her work as a chaplain for people with learning difficulties. Anne's talk gave us much food for thought and made us aware of how much we fail to think of their spiritual needs.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th November at 10.30 a.m. in the Park Room. There will be a short AGM after which Jill Campbell will be telling us about 'Some of our favourite things'. This will be a change to our advertised programme/ We hope to have David Skitt with us at our December meeting.

Thank you to all who supported our Women's Guild stall which made £52.

Liz Bullen

## CRÈCHE ROTA

This is the rota for November. 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

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| 4th November  | Sandra Reid  |               |
| 11th November | Eleanor Kiy  | Claire Harris |
| 18th November | Lefteri Deda | Judy Fowler   |
| 25th November | Karen Best   | Gretta Taylor |

## TWO CONCERTS

We have news of two interesting concerts coming in December. Unfortunately they are both on Saturday, 8th December, at 7.30 p.m. so it is up to you!

The first is in our church, where Dyscover invites you to an evening of seasonal music and entertainment featuring international opera star Kathryn Harries and friends. Tickets are available at £15 each from Dyscover, Crown Church Mews, Chequers Lane, Walton-on-the-Hill, Surrey, KT20 7ST. There are free interval refreshments. Please make cheques payable to Dyscover and include a SAE.

Brockham Choral Society will be performing the Bach B Minor Mass in St Martin's Church, Dorking. Tickets for this are £12 with concessions for anyone of school age, available from Ann Tennant ☎ 274803. Your chance to hear one of the greatest choral works ever written, with professional soloists

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and orchestra at a very affordable price!

## **CHURCH OFFICE**

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## NOVEMBER DIARY

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|---------------|------|---------|---|
| <b>Sunday</b> | 4th  | 10.00am | Rev. David Skitt. Holy Communion.   |
|               |      | 6.30pm  | Rev. David Skitt.   |
| Monday        | 5th  | 8.00pm  | Book Club at 23 The Close.  |
| Tuesday       | 6th  | 8.00pm  | Church Night - <i>Simply Christian</i> -<br>‘Believing and Belonging’.                      |
| Thursday      | 8th  | 12.30pm | Men’s Fellowship. Ralph Bristow.  |
| <b>Sunday</b> | 11th | 10.00am | Rev. David Skitt. Remembrance Sunday.   |
|               |      | 6.30pm  | Rev. David Skitt. Holy Communion.   |
| Tuesday       | 13th | 10.30am | Women’s Guild. AGM. Jill Campbell - ‘Favourite Things’                                      |
|               |      | 8.00pm  | Church Night - <i>Simply Christian</i> -<br>‘New Creation - Starting Now’.                  |
| Saturday      | 17th | 7.30pm  | Concert by CANTATA in support of Pumpaid.   |
| <b>Sunday</b> | 18th | 10.00am | Six favourite bible passages. Bible Sunday.   |
|               |      | 11.30am | <b>Church Meeting.</b> Election of Elders.  |
|               |      | 6.30pm  | CANTAMUS present Fauré’s <i>Requiem</i> plus readings<br>and musical items for Remembrance. |
| Monday        | 19th | 8.00pm  | Easter Workshop 2008 meeting in the Park Room.  |
|               |      | 8.00pm  | Ecoteam at 26 Windmill Way.   |
| Tuesday       | 20th | 8.00pm  | Church Night - ‘Ethics of Journalism’ - Graham<br>Larcombe.                                 |
| Wednesday     | 21st | 12.15pm | Rev. David Skitt. Midweek Communion Service.  |
| Thursday      | 22nd | 11.00am | Zimbabwe Work Party at 1 Evesham Road.  |
| <b>Sunday</b> | 25th | 10.00am | Rev. David Skitt. Baptism of Oliver Burch<br>and Anna Mitchell.                             |
|               |      | 6.30pm  | Rev. David Skitt.   |
| Tuesday       | 27th | 8.00pm  | Church Night - Crime and Punishment   |
| Wednesday     | 28th | 7.30pm  | Ladies’ Christmas Meal Out. The Seven Stars, Leigh.   |

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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, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Busy Bees Playclub, Monday Morning Group, Choir, Conquest Art, Playgroup, Prayer Group, Toddlers Plus Group, Badminton and Short Mat Bowling.

