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While our church is seeking a Resident Minister please inform a member of the Pastoral Committee if you hear of cases of need

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“DEAR FRIENDS”. What a particularly appropriate greeting this is at this time - we’ve just said ‘goodbye’ to someone we all looked on as a special friend, but there is the potential around us for 400 other friends, and that’s before our new Ministers join us! We’ve talked in Church Meeting, at services and in various groups about loss and reactions to this. I’d originally planned to pick up on some of the biblical references to ‘40 days’, because six weeks is regarded as a classic crisis period during which a range of emotions kick in and need dealing with, but I’ll leave you to do the biblical research - let me know how many references you find, and perhaps see how they relate to your own experiences.

I had just decided to focus on ‘friends’ and then I read the ‘Words’ from David in the February Record. This, so much more eloquently, talks of the light of love, that has been shared, being passed on. This is exactly what we should be doing. You will already have some friends at Reigate Park Church or at least some acquaintances to greet on Sunday morning, and there are also some very firm church-based friendships - but these can sometimes be a bit exclusive, we’re so busy catching up that we ignore the person standing alone at coffee, and it’s possible you’re missing such an interesting encounter of mutual benefit. I’ve been to too many funerals recently, and more often than not you say afterwards ‘I never knew that about them, I would so like to have known more’, and then it’s too late.

So let’s look around at what we might be missing - which of our young people might have won a music scholarship and perhaps be destined for world fame; who had amazing war-time experiences that will make history come to life; who has been to that place you always wanted to visit; who has had that treatment you’re dreading, or even went to the same school but in a different era?

Let us use the year ahead to get to know some of our fellow-worshippers better. At this time when we have invested in preparing for the church’s future ministry, it is the moment to appreciate the wealth of interests and experiences that surround us - we are the Church and we should rejoice in what we can offer each other, as well as seeking others to join us, bringing their own gifts, talents and interesting backgrounds.

Going through my head is a song from my Sunday School days, ‘What a friend we have in Jesus’. David always encouraged us to meet God in others, so let’s set out to do just that and see what friendships reveal. To start the process and get you talking, page 9 in the middle fold of this Record is entitled ‘20 Friends’. These are conversation starters and I challenge you to complete this with a different name for each statement and not someone that you knew well already! Let me know when you’ve achieved 20 and at least we’ll then get to meet! How you take it from there is up to you. Perhaps the tales of some of the encounters could feature in future Records - go out and strike oil!

Barbara Wing

MONDAY MORNING GROUP

We meet each Monday morning in the Park Room for coffee, and begin our study at 10.30 a.m. with a really deep discussion starting from the relevant bible reading or readings, but often covering quite unexpected areas arising from the experiences and concerns of the group members. We are now using another of the York courses, this time on the Lord's Prayer, introduced by Sonia Christie and Angela Bolton:-

February 25th	'Our Father'
March 3rd	'Thy Will Be Done'
March 10th	'Our Daily Bread'
March 17th	'As We Forgive'
March 24th	No meeting (Easter Monday)
March 31st	'In Heaven'

Then we shall have a break until after the school holidays. Do come and join us. The sessions are all self-contained, so don't worry if you have to be away for one.

UNICEF MITE NEWS

Thank you to all those who continue to contribute whether in 'pots' or the big 'pot'.

The number of countries that live in a constant state of warfare seems to be increasing and more and more children are without homes and family. They miss ordinary home life, schools and a happy childhood. If the village is raided - by a rebel group which just kills and steals, the children of 7+ will be captured, drugged, trained in fighting and use of weapons - and knowing nothing else, continue the fighting, not from conviction but because it is a way of life. This is described by Ishmael Beah in his book *A Long Way Gone*. Because he was older and had had a good education before he was 'captured', he was eventually rescued, and he now lives and works in America. His description of having to fight his drug addiction is heart-breaking.

The children of Kenya are now facing this sort of life and UNICEF is appealing for funds to rescue the young people before they get drawn into the rebel groups. The appeal for Kenya's children starts on February 24th and continues for the following two Sundays, March 2nd and 9th.

Please help - would you want your children in this 'hopeless' situation?

Hazel Arscott

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

There seems to be a demographic problem regarding March birthdays - we have both ends of the age spectrum, but very few in the middle, i.e. 20 - 50ish. We know you may be some of the world's workers and possibly not free for tea, but it would be good to know of your existence. 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 19th, 3 - 5 p.m. in the Park Room. Please give your names to Barbara Wing, email barwing@tiscali.co.uk or ☎ 223831.

SPONSOR CAROLINE VODDEN

On Sunday 16th March I shall be running for Sport Relief in memory of my son Ben. Many of you will know that Ben died in December 2006 after suffering repeated bullying on the school bus. He was only 11. Earlier that year Ben had decided he wanted to run the Sport Relief Mile. He had no idea what it would be like to run a mile, but he was determined to do it to raise money for those in need, just as he had with his sponsored silence for the victims of the Asian Tsunami. I decided to run with him - or was it that Ben encouraged me to? Anyway, we did it together, and Ben raised around £60. In his inimitable fashion he ran in full Elvis costume, complete with wig, sunglasses and microphone (see the photo on my Sport Relief web page!).

This year I have decided to run again, as a tribute to Ben, and have chosen to run the 3-mile course. If anyone would like to sponsor me to raise money for Sport Relief in memory of Ben, please visit my web page, <http://www.mysportrelief.com/caroline4ben?SID=2665> (the simplest way for you to give to this is perhaps to add your name to the list on the board in the foyer). To find out what a difference your sponsorship money can make, please visit <http://www.sportrelief.com>.

I am already set to raise nearly £200. All the money raised is spent by Comic Relief to help people living really tough lives at home in the UK and across the world's poorest countries.

With love to all

Caroline

SOME HELPFUL THOUGHTS

(From *Dornoch Parish News*, via the magazine of Christ Church URC, Solihull).

Peace starts with a smile.

Forbidden fruits create many jams.

WORSHIP IN THE MONTH OF MARCH

At 10 a.m. on Sunday 2nd March (Mothering Sunday) our communion service will be conducted by Rev. David Morgan, Community Minister at Bromley who was a member of Reigate Park Church during his ministerial training.

At 10 a.m. on **Sunday 9th March** Rev. George Watt, Minister at St Andrew's URC, Cheam. Kai Lamy and Cenedra Ware are to be baptised. At 6.30 p.m. our communion service will be led by Rev. Ron Talmey.

At 10 a.m. on **Sunday 16th March** the worship will be led by Rev. C Kearns, a retired Church of England minister and former Prison Chaplain.

At 12.15 p.m. on **Wednesday 19th March** Jill Campbell will lead our Midweek Communion Service.

Our **Maundy Thursday** Communion Service at 8 p.m. on 20th March will be led by the Worship Group. Rev. Clive McKie will preach and Rev. Ron Talmey will conduct communion.

On **Good Friday**, 21st March, we shall share in meditational worship at 10 a.m. at Reigate Methodist Church, taking hot cross buns with us for tea and coffee afterwards.

At 10 a.m. on **Easter Sunday** 23rd March the service, which will include communion will be led by Rev. Donald Finnan, a retired URC Minister who has served for a time in South India. There will be no evening service.

At 10 a.m. on **Sunday 31st March** our service will be led by Rev. Ivan Nathaniel, a retired Anglican Minister and former teacher at Holy Trinity School, Gossops Green.

A warm welcome to any or all of these services.

If you would like to do a bible reading for a Sunday morning service some time, please let Linda know in the Church Office ☎ 249766.

STEWARDS' ROTA

A new stewards' rota will be prepared in May.

To avoid the need for making alternative arrangements and amending the rota in the foyer, could Stewards please let me know their holiday dates or when they will not be available on a Sunday, for the remainder of the year, in writing, by the beginning of May.

Elizabeth Shaw

HAVING FUN WITH JESUS, 7TH - 10TH APRIL 2008

Are you at Primary School? If so, come and join us this year and have fun at our open **'Having Fun with Jesus' Easter Workshop**. This takes place in the mornings from 9.30 - 12.00. Places will be limited so booking is essential.

Many local schools and our own uniformed organisations receive fliers about this event. All RPC families with children at Primary School should receive a letter with all the necessary details on Sunday 16th March. Please collect your named copy from the table in the foyer on that date.

The booking dates for the Workshop will be Tuesday and Wednesday 25th and 26th March.

As last year, RPC families who have booked places may be able to fill out the registration forms for their children on Sundays 30th March and 6th April. However, to ensure the children's safety, parents are still requested to bring their children each day and actually check that their attendance has been carefully recorded.

At the time of writing this article I am still looking for quite a number of volunteers. Please contemplate if you can help in any way. It really is an exciting four mornings. All new volunteers will need to have an enhanced CRB check and give the names of two referees. Young people who want to help should be in Year 8 or above.

All volunteers please note the following dates of meetings:-

Wednesday 26th March 7.30 p.m. in the Park Room

Compulsory training session for ALL young people volunteers.

Wednesday 26th March 8.00 p.m. in the Church

Meeting for ALL volunteers.

Monday 31st March 8.00 p.m. in the Park Room

Meeting for new volunteers.

For any more information or any questions please speak to Angela Bolton
☎ 248430 or email:- familiesliaison@reigateparkchurch.org

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We must not forget the AGM on March 13th and in particular that all the members of the present committee firmly intend to resign at that time. Successors are vitally needed if the Fellowship is not to go out of existence. Please think very seriously whether you can offer to help - or encourage someone else to do so.

REGULARITY

A very brief update article this time, from the Financial Awareness Group, with no boring technical details, but just to underline one word which will be very important to the finances of the Church during our Minister 'vacancy', and that is: **REGULARITY**

This is particularly important now, when there is a risk that church attendance may fall a little - but church expenses, sadly, will not. We still have to pay our full contribution for a minister's salary to the central URC Ministry and Mission Fund, even though we have no minister, so our expenses will hardly change.

So the message for 2008 is: please keep it regular! And if you've not already done so, please do consider signing up for one of the two 'regular giving' options. These are:

1. Set up a standing order - there are forms for doing this at the Financial Info point in the foyer

or 2. Use weekly offertory envelopes - further info from Gill Wiseman ☎ 01293 411881.

Please also remember to Gift Aid any additional cash donations you make.

For details of any of these methods for tax-efficient and regular giving, please contact one of the four members of the Financial Awareness Group:

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

PRAYER CALENDAR

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

2nd March Reigate and Redhill YMCA, Princes Road, Redhill.

9th March St Peter and St Paul Parish Church, Nutfield.

16th March Reigate and Redhill Community Church -
meeting at St Bede's School.

23rd March Welcare.

BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting is on Monday, 31st March at 8 p.m. at Alison Allen's, 80 Raglan Road (☎ 224320). The book is *Jupiter's Travels*, by Ted Simon.

Jane Dotzec

20 FRIENDS

Find a different person to fit each of the following descriptions - not someone you know well already! Enjoy extending your conversation.

Tell Barbara Wing when you have names for all 20 - she'd like to meet you in any case!

_____ was born in Surrey.

_____ was born outside the UK.

_____ is a non-serving elder.

_____ has four children.

_____ can relate a war-time memory.

_____ has worked in London.

_____ speaks two or more languages.

_____ plays a musical instrument.

_____ has been on a church weekend or holiday.

_____ attended the church in the High Street.

_____ previously worshipped regularly at another church.

_____ is on one of our church's committees.

_____ has a pet.

_____ has a birthday in the same month as yours.

_____ has had a hip or knee replacement.

_____ has visited four European countries.

_____ has six or more grandchildren.

_____ is on the Church Contact List.

_____ attended Reigate Priory School.

_____ rides a bicycle.

CHURCH NIGHTS

Church Nights are held on Tuesdays, usually in the Park Room at 8 p.m., concluding with coffee and tea at 9.15 p.m. They are all well worth coming to, and you will be very welcome.

On Tuesday, March 4th, Alison Morgan, the mother of David Morgan who is due to take our service on March 2nd, will be telling us about the links Purley URC has formed with churches in Germany (both East and West), in America and in the Czech Republic since the 2nd World War. And how these have been strengthened by conferences held every third year in one or other of the churches. A tale with a difference and one well worth hearing. So please come and join us on that evening.

After that we finish off the five-part course 'What is the URC?', studying its NATURE, FAITH and ORDER. At the first meeting we were challenged 'try writing the Gospel in fifty words'. Two of us responded - in two very different ways:

1. 2000 years ago in the Holy Land a baby boy was born and they called him Jesus. As a man he went around healing people and preaching the good news of God's love. They crucified him but when he returned from the dead his disciples realised he had been the Son of God and they themselves began to preach and heal.

2. God, who made the world and us, has always loved us. What Jesus did on the Cross made it possible for us to love God, not the other way round. We can accept God's forgiveness for our sin, and our love and gratitude leads us to try and please him.

It has been suggested that the first summarises Mark's Gospel and the second John's.

On 11th March we ask 'What is the URC?' Part 5: 'A church that works for unity'.

On 18th March we have the **Church Meeting**. Don't miss this!

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday March 7th 2008

10.30 a.m. Redhill Methodist Church

2.00 p.m. St Joseph's Catholic Church, Redhill

7.30 p.m. Society of Friends, Reigate

Full information was in last month's *Record*.

ECOTIP

There are several advances in recycling to report.

Bulky Plastics

The Community Recycling Centres at Earlswood and Epsom have just started recycling bulky plastics. The items collected are recycled into new plastic drainage pipes and street furniture after being sent to a reprocessor in Dartford, Kent.

Acceptable Plastics	Unacceptable Plastics
Plastic containers - e.g. buckets, storage tubs, boxes, bins flower pots	Electrical goods made of plastic - e.g. vacuum cleaners, hair dryers
Plastic drain pipes, guttering	UPVC window frames
Large children's toys	IMPORTANT - any items with wood content
Plastic garden furniture	Plastic films e.g. shrink-wrap * see below
Plastic car bumpers	Plastic food packaging - e.g. yoghurt pots, tubs plastic bottles, polystyrene

Plastic Film

both printed and unprinted polythene wrappers and bags etc from whatever source, provided all paper labels, Sellotape, sticky residue, food remnants and foreign objects have been removed. They cannot take polythene marked as "degradable". Unfortunately, this material acts as a pollutant to the recycling process. (e.g. some mailing wrappers, supermarket carrier bags). You can tell the difference because degradable polythene should be marked accordingly and other materials can normally be differentiated from polythene as they are usually glass clear in appearance and sound "crinkly" when touched. Polythene will also stretch fairly easily whereas the other products do not. There is a website www.polyprint.co.uk. When mailing parcels please include your contact details and mark the parcel FOR RECYCLING. The address for mailing (not Freepost I am afraid) is: Polyprint Mailing Films Ltd, Mackintosh Road, Rackheath Ind. Est., Rackheath, Norwich, Norfolk, NR13 6LJ.

Nappies

Reigate and Banstead Borough Council are looking to run an incentive scheme for reusable nappies where parents can purchase a trial nappy pack at a discounted price of £25.00 (r.r.p. £53.00). They are working

with Surrey County Council and the Real Nappy Network. However there are only a limited number of packs available, which they hope to launch in March. There will be information in the March *Borough News*.

As a “late news” item, did you manage to hear the Southern Counties Radio religious programme from 7.30 to 8.15 on Sunday morning 17th February? We tried to let as many people know about it as possible. Following the publicity about the presentation to us, by the Mayor, of the Eco-congregation Award, Victoria Clifford very nobly (was?) volunteered to talk about the Reigate Park Church Ecoteam and review the news in the papers from an eco slant.

Do come and join us at our next meeting on 13th March at 11 Park Lane, Reigate at 8 p.m. We would welcome fresh insights as we plan our next year’s activities.

Sonia Christie ☎ 270095 or email sonia.christie@ntlworld.com

WINTER WONDERS

What a great group we were! The jewellery and the pretty dresses were out, well for the girls, and there was much laughter and fun. Why were we meeting? What did we have in common? Well we all had birthdays in January or February. Some of us had to bring other members of our families but that added to the enjoyment and we all met people we hadn’t known before.

Thanks everyone for coming and joining in the quiz and eating the food of course. Let’s hope next year we can have an even bigger gathering. Anyone from the church who has a birthday in January or February is welcome to come along, whatever age, male or female. Don’t wait to be asked as we don’t know when your birthday is unless you tell us.

For more information contact Betty Ford or Angela Bolton.

WOMEN’S GUILD

The speaker at our February meeting was Mrs Pippa Martin who gave us a most interesting talk about her work with stained glass. She showed us slides of windows which contained her work, including windows in Buckland Church and a wonderful window at Cranleigh Church which she designed for the Queen’s 80th Birthday.

At our next meeting on Tuesday 11th March at 10.30 a.m. in the Park Room, our speaker will be Elaine Parr from the Citizens’ Advice Bureau.

Please note the change of venue and date for the May lunch; this will now be held in our hall on Friday 9th May at 12 noon. It would be helpful if we could have some idea of numbers at the March meeting.

Liz Bullen

THE CHAPLAINCY AT THE HOSPITAL'S HEART

This article by Rev. Dr Arui Dhas is from the Vellore Newsletter. Eileen Charlton has copies of this, which contain many other interesting articles.

At the moment we have different teams of ministers doing the chaplaincy ministry. CMC (Christian Medical College) has appointed 12 full-time chaplains, and the church and the church-related institution (Blessing Youth Mission) have deputed five chaplains for this ministry. Therefore we have 17 full-time staff in this team. In addition at the moment, we are privileged to have the pastoral care support of one Bishop, three retired pastors, a few ministers from Vellore, two volunteer ministers from abroad, three volunteers and a few CMC faculty and spouses who help as chaplain associates in our team. In a broader sense, there are many more staff and students who shoulder the spiritual ministry which is being carried out in CMC in the form of prayer, counselling, sharing the word of God and giving leadership in the spiritual nurture and growth of the community. The involvement of the local ministers in times of need from different denominations is also to be noted. We thank God for all these members of the healing team and their faithful and sincere ministry.

Each chaplain is given under his/her pastoral care some wards, some departments/ units and some student groups. The chaplain makes periodical visits to these areas to provide pastoral care to the people. The chaplain makes his/her availability known to the people and where there is openness, the chaplain is able to provide pastoral care. In the patient area, those who are newly admitted, those who go for surgery and special procedures and those who are in crises are given priorities. When there is death, the chaplain's special ministry is available for those who are in grief.

Prayer is something appreciated and accepted by everyone in the Indian setting irrespective of their religion. Prayer communicates our love for others and our trust in God. Prayer is used as an important tool to bring God's presence closer to people. Many have witnessed miracles since God answered their prayers. The chaplain functions as a symbolic presence to bring in the divine dimension in the ordinary situations. Two from the team are usually available in the hospital chapel at noon. The Outpatient Block does not get much attention from a spiritual angle. Therefore we are thinking of opening up a volunteer position for the OPD alone.

All the chaplains in the CMC setting at present are theologically trained. Nearly 50 per cent of them are ordained by their respective churches. Therefore the priestly rôle of the chaplain is almost taken for granted.

Wherever there is a need to confess, a chaplain is available. Whenever there is a request to bring the sacrament of eucharist, the chaplain organises it in the ward or the chapel. There are also occasions where chaplains are asked to baptise. This usually happens in emergency situations only. Otherwise the usual pattern is to refer them to one of the churches.

Most of the chaplains are trained counsellors. When there is some crisis in the lives of students, staff or patients, the chaplain is usually considered for some help. Since the chaplain has already established good contact and rapport with individuals, it becomes easier to play this important rôle.

The running of the Chaplaincy team, although so central to the culture and ethos of CMC, has to be funded. Sustaining the spiritual dimension alongside the medical work makes CMC unique. Please support us in your prayers and thoughts, and any gifts will be used wisely in our ministry to the sick and hurt.

THE EAST SURREY TALKING NEWSPAPER

The East Surrey Talking Newspaper is a service for blind and partially-sighted people, but may be extended to others who are physically disabled and find reading a newspaper a strain.

Listeners receive their local talking newspaper on recorded cassette tapes, which are produced every fortnight. The talking newspaper brings independence, as listeners no longer need a sighted friend or relative to read it for them. It also means they can access the news whenever it suits them and as often as they like.

On one side of the tape, familiar voices give useful information on special events in addition to local news. On the other side, another familiar team of volunteers reads articles of interest taken from different magazines.

Listeners will need to have their own cassette tape player to listen to the tape. Tapes are delivered in bright yellow pouches by the Royal Mail and returned in the same pouch at the end of the week so that the next newspaper can be recorded. Due to help from the Surrey Mirror Group of newspapers, the Royal Mail and a band of volunteers the service is completely free to our listeners for as long as they want it.

If you know someone who would benefit from receiving the East Surrey Talking Newspaper and who does not already do so please contact the Honorary Secretary Ann Wilson on ☎ 270757, or via e-mail at annie-wilson@ntlworld.com and she will then add their name to the distribution list. All we need to know is the name, the address and the date of birth.

VISIT TO SOUTH INDIA

Would you like to take up a challenge? Following a visit by four lay women from the Church of South India's Rayalaseema Diocese in May last year a return visit is planned for three weeks probably from November 18th to December 9th. It is hoped that the four Southern Synod women will go around as two pairs and one pair will be able to concentrate on each of the following themes in the working of the diocese:-

a) Lay leadership training in the diocese and the way people are taught to take responsibility in churches which have only minimal oversight by presbyters.

b) Nursing and the way rural clinics are run.

Those who would be interested in applying to be one of the four going to India this year, please ring Barrie Scopes on 01634 828 491 or send him an e-mail on barriescopes@blueyonder.co.uk

WELCARE

We have received a letter thanking local churches for their generosity to Welcare during the Christmas period. [Sorry this didn't get in earlier - Ed.] They say:- Toys, hampers, gift vouchers all contributed to making families Christmas a very special time. It is not only the gifts that count but knowing that someone cares enough to want to make a difference. We are also grateful for financial donations which will be put to good use in the coming year.

Our prayer needs continue to grow as progress is made with our building project, the development of the Children's Centre services and the on-going need to sustain the work of Merstham Playlink at a time when funding is scarce.

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

2nd March	Karen Best	Gretta Taylor
9th March	Jacki Glasgow	Claire Harris
16th March	Sandra Reid	
23rd March	Paul and Catherine Seldon	
30th March	Lefteri Deda	Judy Fowler

NOT TOO LATE FOR THE CHURCH HOLIDAY!

There are still some places available on the Church Holiday from Sunday 25th - Friday 30th May, so don't miss this chance to stay at the beautiful Willersley Castle Hotel near Matlock in Derbyshire, formerly the house of Sir Richard Arkwright, the great industrialist, with a wonderful view over the Derwent Valley. These industrial giants knew how to do themselves well, and have left us a legacy which we can all enjoy! Those of us who went there four years ago remember the lovely walks in the grounds and outside them, also Cromford, with its delightful bookshop and the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site, well worth another visit. At the house and in the grounds there is provision for all ages - a heated indoor swimming pool, a snooker room and table tennis, lounges, a TV room, coffee shop and bookstall. It is suitable for all levels of mobility, and the kind and considerate management make the stay a joy for all. The dining room provides a varied menu of delicious food to suit all needs and tastes.

We can travel there by coach, and the coach will provide us with transport for day trips, if we wish, round the Peak District. If you prefer, you can travel to Willersley by car. The Church Holiday is a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other in a totally relaxed mood and also discover the beauty of Derbyshire. Look at the leaflet and make up your mind! David and Daphne Hamblin (☎ 01342 892465) will be delighted to hear from you, but as soon as possible, please.

BROCKHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

Brockham Choral Society are performing an interesting and varied programme, including Karl Jenkins' *The Armed Man*, the Allegri *Miserere* and Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*, in St Martin's Church, Dorking, on Saturday 15th March at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £12 (£6 schoolchildren) available from Reuben Suckling ☎ 283957, or on the door if still available.

FOOTNOTE

Those of you who do their shopping in Redhill may have noticed that one of the shoe shops has a special sale on. Large posters in the window declare: Two for the price of one!

THE BIBLE IN 50 WORDS

This is a ‘kenning’ - ‘a poem made using word pairs: the style dates to Anglo-Saxon times. It was seen in *Tidings*, the news-letter of Banstead URC, who had taken it from *A Bucket of Surprises*, J. John and Mark Stibbe, Monarch Books. Compare it with the two ‘gospels in 50 words’ in ‘Church Nights’ on page 9.

God made
 Adam bit
 Noah arked
 Abraham split
 Jacob fooled
 Joseph ruled
 Bush talked
 Moses balked
 Pharaoh plagued
 People walked
 Sea divided
 Tablets guided
 Promise landed
 Saul freaked
 David peaked
 Prophets warned
 Jesus born
 God walked
 Love talked
 Anger crucified
 Hope died
 Love rose
 Spirit flamed
 Word spread
 God remained.

APRIL RECORD

Since Easter is a “busy” time for all, including the team who put together the *Record*, we are asking contributors to try to get material to the Editor a week earlier than usual, i.e. by March 9th if possible. As usual, if you have something in mind but cannot hit this deadline we can give you some more time but please talk with Denis beforehand so he can allow for the extra space.

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MARCH DIARY

- Sunday** 2nd 10.00am Mothering Sunday. Rev. David Morgan. Holy Communion
No evening service.
- Tuesday 4th 8.00pm Church Night. Alison Morgan -
'Purley Church overseas links'.
- Friday 7th Women's World day of Prayer:-
10.30am at Reigate Methodist Church.
2.00pm at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Redhill.
7.30pm at Society of Friends, Reigate.
- Sunday** 9th 10.00am Rev. George Watt.
Baptism of Kai Lamy and Cenedra Ware.
6.30pm Rev. Ron Talmey. Holy Communion.
- Tuesday 11th 10.30am Women's Guild. Elaine Parr (Citizens' Advice Bureau).
8.00pm Church Night - 'What is the URC?' - 5.
- Thursday 13th 12.30pm Men's Fellowship. AGM.
- Sunday** 16th 10.00am Rev. C Kearns.
No evening service.
- Tuesday 18th 8.00pm **Church Meeting.**
- Wednesday 19th 12.15pm Jill Campbell. Midweek Communion Service.
- Thursday 20th 8.00pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service.
Worship Group, Revs Clive McKie and Ron Talmey.
- Sunday** 23rd 10.00am **Easter Sunday.** Rev. Donald Finnan. Holy Communion.
No evening service.
- Thursday 27th 11.00am Zimbabwe Work Party at 1 Evesham Road.
8.00pm Ecoteam meeting at 26 Windmill Way
- Sunday** 30th 10.00am Rev. Ivan Nathaniel.
No evening service.
- Monday 31st 8.00pm Book Club at 80 Raglan Road.

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.