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The holiday season is upon us. Families are getting excited about their annual holiday, whether it be in this country or abroad. The pace of life in this 21st century is now so frenetic that holidays are become extremely important. We all need rest and relaxation.

The word 'holiday' comes from the Anglo-Saxon words for 'Holy Day'. In Jesus' time holidays as such did not exist and we read in Genesis that God needed to rest on the seventh day and that as a result God blessed that seventh day and made it holy.

Today's pace of life seems to follow the ghastly pattern of 24/7. Why does all activity have to be constant and continuous, adversely affecting so many members of our society who have to work to fulfil the 24/7 wish? We all need regular refreshment but all too often society puts us on the eternal treadmill, like the hamster on its wheel.

Holidays as we know them today are a relatively recent innovation. Up to the nineteenth century ordinary people never had regular holidays but merely benefited from the occasional Holy/Festival days. Sunday worship may well have been compulsory but the rest of the day was probably a day of labour. In late Victorian times a week's holiday a year was a luxury enjoyed by some sections of society. Up to the second World War two weeks holiday a year was uncommon but it wasn't until

thirty years ago that three weeks or more became standard. Today the average holiday is now five weeks or sometimes even six. In the last 150 years we have progressed from a one week break to perhaps six, so that families now take two or even three holidays a year.

People do so many different things for their holidays from sand, sea and beach to sailing, mountaineering or just walking. Our families have never subscribed to the ultra energetic holidays preferring the more leisurely pursuits or sightseeing. However, we all need some spiritual refreshment to recharge our mental batteries to 'get back on the wheel'. To this end we can do no better than abide by Jesus' maxim in Matthew (Ch. 11):

*'Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'*

Look forward to your holidays, all of you. Plan them carefully, enjoy the activity or inactivity, and don't forget your spiritual refreshment.

Mavis and Richard Proctor

## BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting is at Anna Burgess' house, 33 Waterlow Road (☎ 241384), on Wednesday September 30th. The book is *Crime and Punishment* by Dostoevsky.

Jane Dotzec

## WORSHIP IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST

At 10 a.m. on **Sunday 2nd August**, Rev. Derek Richmond, now retired and living at Edenbridge, will lead our Communion service. We shall be giving thanks for the 60th Anniversary of Ron Talmey's Ordination to the Ministry of the Word and Sacraments, and two of his granddaughters, Frances and Sarah Andrews, will be singing. There will be no evening service.

At 10 a.m. on **Sunday 9th August**, Lisa Lewis, the new Area Co-ordinator for The Leprosy Mission, will lead our worship, and there will be a retiring collection for TLM. At 6.30 p.m. Rev. Mike Fox, formerly Priest-in-Charge at St Luke's, will conduct our Communion service.

There will be no midday mid-week communion service.

At 10 a.m. on **Sunday 16th August**, Rev. Ron Talmey will lead our worship. There will be no evening service.

At 10 a.m. on **Sunday 23rd August**, Sue Knight will lead our worship. There will be no evening service.

At 10 a.m. on **Sunday 30th August**, Rev. Jenny Morgan, the minister of Banstead URC, will lead our worship. There will be no evening service.

## THE LEPROSY MISSION

On Saturday 11th July we successfully completed our eight mile sponsored walk. A total of £304 was raised and we would like to say a big 'thank you' to all our sponsors. We were accompanied on the walk by Richard Proctor and the Area Co-ordinator, Lisa Lewis. We look forward to welcoming Lisa to the morning service on Sunday 9th August.

Liz and Mike Bullen

## WOMEN'S GUILD

At our July meeting we had a very interesting and entertaining talk by Peter Whipps on his recent visit to New Zealand.

On Tuesday August 11th we will be having a coffee, cake and chat morning at 10.30 a.m. in the Park Room. If any ladies in the church would like to join us that morning you will be most welcome.

Liz Bullen

## **MONDAY MORNING GROUP**

We are taking a holiday until September 14th, when Merle Nadal hopes to lead us in a new course, A Journey into Faith through the Senses. Watch out for details of what we shall be doing at 10.30 on Monday mornings in the Park Room.

## **SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB**

In the June Record, I invited all readers to come and play or watch bowls on Mondays and Tuesdays from 2 p.m. to 4.15 p.m., and the invitation is still open, but I need to report that we shall not be meeting from 27th July inclusive for six weeks, starting again on Monday 7th September. This is because work will be done in building three rooms on the stage and so the hall will be out of use. We will welcome new members and friends in July and September.

Ron Talmey

## **UNICEF - MITE NEWS**

Thank you for the contributions I have collected this month - every penny will help to save a life - and remember in your prayers those who work so hard in many countries. Even 10p can save a life.

Hazel Arscott

## **JUNIOR CHURCH**

Our Junior Church volunteers spent a very pleasant July evening enjoying a 3-course meal, prepared for us by Lynda Case-Green and her friend Melanie, and served by Lucy, Zoë, Nick and Joe. Thank you all very much!

We should like to thank all our volunteers who have given so willingly of their time throughout the year, and we are also very grateful to the team of people who are leading sessions during the summer holidays - please see the weekly leaflet for details. Information for the autumn term will be sent to parents in August.

Pat Denchfield and Angela Bolton

## **SCOUT GROUP - NEW LEADER REQUIRED**

The Church Scout Group, Scout section, is in need of a Leader to take over from David Bretherton who has now retired after a good number of years' service, for which we thank him. This need is urgent as we need to have someone in place for the Autumn term in order to keep the Scout Section operational.

So are there any Church members who would like to inspire young people and have adventure and challenges themselves? You could add something special to our group whatever your background, and no previous experience is needed. All you need is energy and enthusiasm.

Give something back and get involved today by ringing our Group Scout Leader. Andrew Sangster on 📞 242026 or email [macdonnell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:macdonnell@hotmail.co.uk)

***MAKE SCOUTING HAPPEN FOR ALL***

Andrew Sangster, Group Scout Leader

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## AUGUST DIARY

- Sunday** 2nd 10.00am Rev. Derek Richmond. Holy Communion.
- Sunday** 9th 10.00am Lisa Lewis of TLM.  
6.30pm Rev. Mike Fox. Holy Communion.
- Tuesday 11th 10.30am Women's Guild. Coffee, cake and chat.
- Sunday** 16th 10.00am Rev. Ron Talmey.
- Sunday** 23rd 10.00am Sue Knight.
- Thursday 27th 11.00am Zimbabwe Working Party at 1 Evesham Road.
- Sunday** 30th 10.00am Rev. Jenny Morgan.
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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, Toddlers Plus Group and Short Mat Bowling. Some of these will be in abeyance for August.

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## PRAYER CALENDAR

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

- 5th August Epiphany Church, Mansfield Drive, Merstham
- 12th August St Philip's Church, Nutley Lane.
- 19th August Reigate Baptist Church, Sycamore Walk, Woodhatch.
- 26th August St Luke's Church, Church Road, South Park.
- 30th August St Bede's School, Carlton Road, Redhill, at the start of a new school year.

## CHURCH HALL

As noted elsewhere, building work will be taking place in the hall from the end of July to the end of August.

After-service refreshments will continue to be available but in the Park Room during this period.