

RUNNING FREE

The Parish of Warblington-with-Emsworth

July/August 2018 £1



**Farewell to
Damon and
Amanda!**



**Photographs from
the party on 2nd
June
(More on back
cover)**



FOCUS



July & August 2018

I read some words this week, from Paul's second letter to Timothy, which really spoke to me – or rather God spoke to me through them...

They were these –

"I solemnly urge you – proclaim the message, be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable, convince, rebuke & encourage, with utmost patience in teaching".

It was one of those occasions where **I sensed God speaking quite directly to me**. I felt He was saying – Go on Andrew, **keep going**, proclaim the message of Jesus and His good news. Keep doing it however people react, whether they welcome the message or not... keep going!

It is not that I feel people aren't listening, in fact I think and hope that you the people of St. Thomas à Becket and St. James' are very open to the message of Jesus, but I did feel Jesus was reminding me (and perhaps all of us) to **keep faithful to the message and calling of Jesus** whether people are responsive or not – **just stay faithful and persist!!**

Many of you have remained wonderfully faithful to Jesus Christ over many years in Warblington with Emsworth. You have been persistent and patient and faithful, and your faithfulness has blessed the rest of us – including newcomers like me – so thank you very much!!

I am aware how fruitful Christian enquirers courses like '**Christianity Explored**' and '**Alpha**' have been in this Parish in the past (and indeed across our country). With that in mind, **we are**

starting to plan a course for the Autumn term on Tuesday evenings. It is expected to last about 8 weeks and we are beginning to recruit a team and pray about the way to handle it.

Please would you join us in praying for this course, asking that God will use it for the development of His Kingdom in this community? Please be praying that God will draw people to join the course, that Jesus will be calling people to follow him and that His will is done. **If you would like to help in some way please let me know**

Please also be praying about inviting someone to join the course – **remember the knotted ropes from "Thy Kingdom Come!" and the praying for 5?** Is there someone there that you could invite? Maybe if appropriate you could offer to come with them and support them, because joining such a course can feel pretty intimidating especially at first.

Finally, I hope many of you will be able to join us on **Saturday 14th July** when we '**Beat the Bounds**' of the Parish. If you are keen please join us for the full 8 mile walk. If that is too much for you, **walk a bit of it**, or join us for a **picnic lunch or for tea** at TàB, where there will be a brief service. I see this as a prayerful and spiritual walk. '**The earth is the Lord's and all who dwell therein**' (Psalm 24).

On this walk we will be proclaiming '**Warblington and Emsworth are the Lord's and all who dwell therein**'. Whether or not you are able to join us to walk, your prayers at that time for our Parish will be appreciated more than you can tell.

May God bless you and keep you. Have a great summer!

With love in Jesus

Andrew

Please note – copy for the next issue of *Running Free* must be with the Editor by Sunday 12th August 2018

AROUND AND ABOUT



Emsworth Community Centre

Monday 9th July 3.30pm and 7.30pm; Film **Darkest Hour** Gary Oldman's Oscar-winning performance as Churchill in the early days of WWII

Monday 23rd July 3.30pm; Film

Edie Sheila Hancock stars as a lady who climbs a Scottish mountain to overcome a life of bitterness and resentment

Monday 23rd July 7.30pm; Film

Three billboards outside Ebbing, Missouri

A mother takes things into her own hands when police fail to find her daughter's murderer

(No films will be shown in **August**)

Tickets - £5 from the Community Centre Office 10.00am-12 noon Monday to Friday; or from Loretta's Cafe in the High Street

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## The Pastoral Centre

In addition to our usual activities we have some exciting new events going on in July!

### FREE BEGINNER WATERCOLOUR CLASSES!

**Wednesdays 11<sup>th</sup> / 18th / 25th July**

**12noon-1.00pm in The Pastoral Centre**

Artist Ben Smith will demonstrate and teach some basic techniques of watercolour painting. Absolutely no experience required!

The classes are free but you will need to supply your own painting equipment. It need not be expensive! Come along to an introductory session at **12noon on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June**, or contact *Deacon Laura* on 01243 376786 to book a place and find out what you'll need.

If these are successful other classes may follow!

### FUN IN THE SUN: our "HOLIDAY AT HOME"

This summer would you like to make new friends, spend time taking part in fun activities and share lunch with like-minded people? If so, why not come along to our **Holiday at Home?**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

**10.30am to 3.30pm in The Pastoral Centre**

*(Suggested donation of £3 per day to cover the cost of lunch)*

The activities, aimed at the over-60s, will include a Beetle Drive, beginners art project, seated exercise class, film afternoon, hand massages, nail painting and a simple cooking project. No previous experience necessary!

A programme is available so you can find out what will be happening each day. If you are interested in coming along, or know someone else who might be, then ask at the Pastoral Centre or phone us on 01243 373773 for programmes and booking forms. **The deadline for bookings is 25<sup>th</sup> June.**

Please spread the news as widely as possible!

## Emsworth Museum

### EXHIBITIONS

**June 30<sup>th</sup> - July 29<sup>th</sup> Town, Land & Sea- Paintings by artist Angela Loader**

Award winning local artist Angela Loader returns to Emsworth Museum after a successful solo exhibition in 2012, bringing paintings with a variety of subjects inspired by the fast and ever-changing developments all around us. Her aim is to capture the history and beauty of the town, surrounding landscape and coastline and show them in their natural colours.

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> The Changing Weather - storms, tides, floods, winds in Emsworth**

Bernie Gudge has gathered together a selection of pictures, from the Museum collection and his own personal albums, to show the extremes of weather experienced locally since 1895. Ice flows 6" thick at Langstone Mill, children playing in the snow in 1947, the bitter winter of 1963 and the disastrous storm and wind of 1987 all feature in this exhibition as well as pictures of residents skating on the mill pond and floods on the bridge at Hermitage.

Emsworth Museum is open on Saturdays and Bank Holidays 10.30am - 4.30pm and on Sundays and all Fridays in August 2.30pm - 4.30pm. Admission free. A stairlift is available.

**Wednesday July 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Treasure Hunt**

This popular event starts from Emsworth Museum at 7.00pm. The entry fee of £2.00 per person (with concessions for organised groups of young people) includes tea and biscuits when entrants return and are waiting for their answers to be checked.

No transport is required - this is a Treasure Hunt for walkers. Come along - learn interesting facts about Emsworth and its history and join in the fun. Everyone welcome.

**Wednesday July 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday August 8<sup>th</sup> Local History Walk**

Christine Bury will repeat her local history walk around historic Emsworth starting at 6.00pm promptly from outside Emsworth Museum. The walk takes about 1.5 to 2 hours and finishes back at the museum.

Cost: £3.00 per person payable at the start of the walk. No advance booking required.

Website: [www.emsworthmuseum.org.uk](http://www.emsworthmuseum.org.uk)

Email [info@emsworthmuseum.org.uk](mailto:info@emsworthmuseum.org.uk)

Phone 01243 378091

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Thank you to our photographers this month: Murray Boaz, Rosemary Hampton, Chris Barrett, Editor



Children's Church Page



Young Church

Breakfast Church

Every 2nd Sunday come and join us in the parish hall for Breakfast church. The service starts at 10 AM Sunday 8th July and Sunday 12th August. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a drink, some food and great company, all available throughout the service!

We unite together as friends and family to explore passages from the Bible and then the Young Church team will have a super fun craft ready in the office for the children to enjoy whilst the adults look at the reading in more depth. Some of the grown-ups like to sneak in with the children too and that is fine—as long as your children don't mind. We end the service as we started, all together. This is a wonderfully relaxed service and all who come really enjoy themselves. Please do join us.



Bible2Go

July's Bible2Go is on Sunday 15th starting at 10am in the BAPTISTRY due to an event booked in the parish hall. We start with a story from the Bible followed by a prayer and the recreations begin. The children's imaginations are allowed to take them wherever they want and anything can and has been built! We simply ask the children to listen to the reading and build something to remind them of what they have heard. It is amazing how a piece of Lego can build the imagination and how it can be linked to a story.

The children then re-join their friends and family, along with their masterpieces, in time for communion.

At the end of the service we ask you return the Lego to us ready to make a new creation next time.



Suggestion box

Children: Don't forget the new red Suggestion box where you can post YOUR ideas of activities you would like us to introduce for you at St James' Church. The box is normally at the back of the church but will be in the Parish Hall for Breakfast Church and Bible2Go.

We cannot promise to act on all your suggestions but we will certainly listen to your ideas and take them seriously.

WE STILL NEED HELP!

Please join our Young Church team, we only ask for 2 hours of your time per month. If you can help please get in contact with Paula,

We look forward to seeing you all soon!

Paula Geen, Young church coordinator

Email – paulaygeen@googlemail.com

Café Church

Café Church is an informal service for all the family held in the Parish Hall on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 5.00pm. While enjoying a



superb tea provided by the many house groups in the parish, we worship using mostly modern worship songs, listen to readings from the Bible, pray informally and discuss the DVD used for teaching in small groups.

Separate provision is made for the children. Everyone is very welcome. No need to book—just come and enjoy.

Babies, Banter and Biscuits

A friendly, informal group providing much needed conversation, companionship and coffee. Suitable for all parents and guardians with little ones up to the age of two.

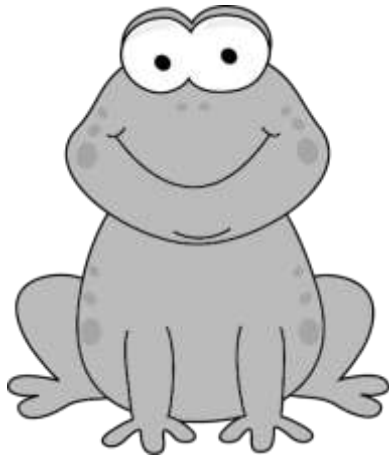


Tuesdays **in July** 9:30am-11.00am in the Parish Office, Church Path

We will not be meeting in August

For more information please contact **Caroline** at c_twitchen@hotmail.com

FROG



FRIENDS OF GOD

John 15 v 15

Meeting 4th Sunday of the month 9.45 to 10.45 in Parish Office

For School Years 7 to 11

For more info contact Denise Chapman 01243 430338

dmchapman@live.co.uk

FROG update

May's FROG was on Prayer focussing on forced child marriages and the plight of the Boko Haram girls. June's FROG was on self confidence and dealing with bullying with a jewellery-making session. July's FROG will be a film and popcorn. There will be no official FROG in August but we may have a trip to the cinema or a pizza evening.

The Teenagers' Creed

Choose only a date who will make a good mate
Be master of your habits or they will master you
Don't be a show off when you drive and drive with safety and arrive
Don't let the crowd pressure you
Stand for something or you'll fall for anything
Don't let your parents down- they brought you up
Be humble enough to obey - you will give orders one day
Choose friends with care - you become what they are
Guard your thoughts - what you think you are

INVITATION

to the FROG summer barbeque

**543 Southleigh Road Emsworth PO10 7TF
Sunday 15th July at 12.30 pm**

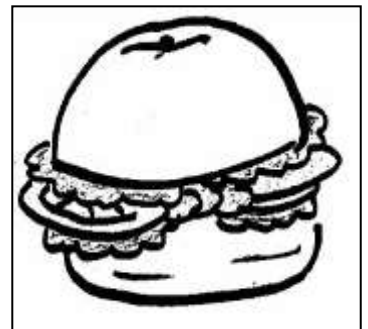
This is being held to celebrate the first term of FROG, to have fun and to thank all helpers.

All FROGS and any well-behaved parents are welcome!

For catering purposes, **please let Denise know if you are coming.**

(Phone: 01243 430338 Email: dmchapman@live.co.uk)

Thanks to Jon and Vicki White for opening up their garden.



A Fairy Story ...

Once upon a time, in a land far away, a beautiful, independent, self-assured princess happened upon a frog as she sat contemplating ecological issues on the shores of an unpolluted pond in a verdant meadow near her castle.

The frog hopped onto the princess's lap and said "elegant lady, I was once a handsome prince until an evil witch cast a spell on me. However, one kiss from you and I will turn back into the wonderful young prince I once was. Then, my darling, we can marry and set up house in your castle, with my mother, where you can prepare my meals, wash my clothes, bear my children and forever feel grateful and happy doing so!"

That night the princess dined sumptuously on lightly sautéed frogs legs in a white wine and shallot cream sauce.

News from our Churchwardens

From St James
Tony Harris

Time marches on relentlessly. Here we are in July and it feels like only yesterday we were welcoming our Rector, busying ourselves preparing for our annual meeting, and saying fond farewells to Damon and his family. And at the same time so many of the church's liturgical seasons have also happened.

It is so pleasing to see new faces, not only on our committees, but also in our congregations. The encouraging thing is that seeds sown are bursting with new life, and all the visible signs are that they are only just the beginning. We the congregation are the water that will help them flourish.

Time, as we all know, is the one of the most valuable gifts we can give to God and to the parish where he has placed us. Money is important and helps enormously on big projects. However, there are many tasks that can be completed quietly, without great expenditure from funds, by a few people coming forward and giving an hour or so of their time. Talk to me, Andrew or David Jupp (see below) if you can help in any way. We shall be only to thankful for your offer to help lessen the burden on the few. Our buildings deserve all the care we can give them, much as we do, to keep us fit for purpose.

St James' Gardens

A message from David Jupp:

I am trying to get a gardening team together to keep the churchyard tidy on a regular basis.

Our next work sessions will be on Saturday 30th June, Saturday 7th July and Wednesday 11th July from 9am to 11.30am.

If anyone is interested in helping to do this can you let me know?

Phone: 01243 376950

Email: dandrjupp@talktalk.net



From St Thomas à Becket
David Habershon

On 20th May (after the last issue of Running Free went to press) we welcomed the Ridgeway Chorale who swelled the choir numbers and sang beautifully during Holy Communion. Ten days later Father Leslie took the Margaret Pole Mass which a number of the TàB congregation attended. Comparable in places to our Anglican service the congregation sang from our hymn books and used similar responses. There was a short sermon and Holy Communion after which warm words were exchanged and a generous offering was collected at the door which will go towards church funds. If you google "Margaret Pole, Countess of Salisbury" you will see why she might mean a lot to local people.

Looking ahead, on Wednesday 4th July we have our Patronal Service and lunch. On Saturday 14th July we look forward to welcoming the "Beating the Bounds" walkers for tea and refreshments in the churchyard. Starting on Saturday 7th July, we welcome all to our Parish churchyard teas on Saturdays and Sundays in July and August. (See *What's On p.22-23 for details of all these events.*)



There is inevitably an increase in visitors to TàB during July and August as the weather is warmer and walkers are tempted out. We welcome all those who pass our doors, whether with an interest in old churches or perhaps just wanting a quiet moment to reflect in this peaceful place. We are very fortunate to have members of the congregation who ensure the church is open during daylight hours on all days, except Friday when our dedicated team of flower arrangers and cleaners move in to ensure the church is kept looking cheerful and loved. The team of church openers is small and we would welcome new volunteers who would like to take on this role. It doesn't take long and is not an arduous task. The church wardens can provide more information about what is involved and there is a sign up list in the north porch.

Beating the Bounds

Saturday 14 July 2018

Introduction This summer, we will be 'beating the bounds' of our parish, accompanied by our new Rector and his family. Andrew is keen that as many of us as are able will join him for at least part of the way. There will be three stops en route. These stops will also enable those who only wish to walk for part of the journey to join or leave, or perhaps simply to share some time with the walkers.

History Walking together around the parish boundary at Rogationtide (the days before Ascension) is an ancient custom. Like many church customs, its origins are secular, both pagan and practical, partly to seek a good harvest and partly to ensure that the boundaries are in good repair and known by the whole community. Hence, the curious tradition of beating boys, or bouncing them on their heads, at various landmarks. After the Reformation, the event assumed a greater Christian significance and we will be reflecting upon God's Creation in our parish during the walk.

Time Table We will assemble in St James Churchyard from 11 o'clock and endeavour to keep to the following times:

Time	Place
11.15	Depart from St James' Churchyard
12.15	Arrive at picnic stop in Hampshire Farm Meadows WALKERS MAY ALSO JOIN OR LEAVE HERE Car parking by allotments at end of Yarrow Road, PO10 7GD
12.45	Continue the walk
13.45	Arrive at entrance to Wyevale Garden Centre - 'Convenience' stop! WALKERS MAY ALSO JOIN OR LEAVE HERE
14.00	Depart from Bartons Road entrance to Wyevale Garden Centre
15.00	Arrive at St Thomas à Becket Church for tea – Donations invited WALKERS MAY ALSO JOIN OR LEAVE HERE
15.30	Optional short service of Compline at St Thomas à Becket
15.45	Continue walk
16.45	Arrive back at St James' Church

Route The walk is about 8 miles long. Apart from two short sections along quiet roads, half is on pavements and the rest on paths, which may also be used by cattle, horses and bikes.

Details Please dress appropriately, bring a picnic and plenty of drink. In the event of wet weather, cancellation will be published on the parish website by 10.00 on the day.

For further information, please contact:

Jamie Barr on 01243 372939 or jamie.barr@btinternet.com

Marylebone Project



VISIT TO THE MARYLEBONE PROJECT MAY 2018

Friday 25th May dawned bright and sunny making the prospect of a drive to London quite pleasant. So it proved... at least as far as the weather was concerned! Chris Harper nobly volunteered to drive as she grew up around the Marylebone area... but it has changed a bit since then, mainly the layout of the streets some of which have become one way- the wrong way!!

We travelled with a tremendous amount of other traffic eventually arriving at the project after 3 hours driving, a journey which usually takes around 2 hours! We had decided not to stay for lunch and a tour round the building as there were only the two of us and we had both been before. Parking outside was tricky as

there were notices saying some work was scheduled for that day...but we didn't see any fortunately! We carried the toiletries up the steps into reception, with a little help from a nice young man, and handed over the Tithe cheque to Sue Way. She is the Church Army's manager for all their homeless projects including Marylebone. She was very nice as we talked on the street whilst keeping an eye on the car.

Eventually, after using the facilities, we began our journey home with a certain amount of apprehension re traffic. Passing close to Grenfell Tower was a stark reminder of the dreadful fire almost a year ago. It was swathed in white and very noticeable. Our journey was much better on the homeward trail and we stopped at Wisley Gardens for a bite to eat, and for Chris to purchase a forest! We thought all the keen gardeners would be at Chelsea... - They weren't!! We arrived back in Emsworth at about 4.30 which was surprisingly good considering the morning's traffic problems.

The project continues to care for homeless women with shelter and food, with help in finding jobs and with education, including computer skills, English for those for whom it is not their first language and cooking. The women often cater for meetings of local businesses who rent a meeting room for a day and have lunch provided by the residents. This provides a little income which is not only essential to the project, but gives a feeling of self worth to the women.

Thank you to everyone who gave toiletries. They really are appreciated, especially by the rough sleepers who access the Day Centre where they can shower, wash clothes, make themselves a meal and get help in applying for grants, writing letters etc.

We may be able to have a member of the staff come down to talk to us about the work which would be very interesting. More information later...



Photograph taken during our visit in 2017

Gill Edwards

Parish Quiz Sheet



The first parish quiz sheet for some years went on sale in April. Questions embraced a variety of topics and degrees of difficulty.

From the 37 sheets purchased, 24 of which were returned with answers, twelve competitors attained 39/40 marks and one achieved a perfect 40/40.

A total of £183 was raised for parish funds.

Thank you to everyone who contributed by purchasing a sheet and to all who attempted to answer the questions. The parish is grateful to Gavin Reid of The Kings Arms, Havant Road who donated the first prize - a voucher for two Sunday lunches.

It is anticipated that the second set of questions will be available in July and August. There will be easy and hard questions on diverse topics and of differing styles. Sheets will be available for purchase at both St Thomas à Becket and St James churches and a new first prize will be an added incentive.

The idea is that participants may respond at leisure, perhaps when debilitated, whilst travelling or as a focus at social gatherings. Why not ask the audience or even phone a friend? Consult family, colleagues and acquaintances. You will have a generous eight weeks to complete. The internet may be used but will not be helpful for most questions. Some questions may need an element of luck to be successfully answered.

Here is a sample of questions from the first sheet:

- How many people are normally on a rugby union pitch during the game?
- Suzie Quattro sang about a crash - which crash?

More cryptically, these are seafood names:

- First person in this location
- Even when cooked it is raw in the middle
- Bride needs this on her wedding day

and these are local places:

- European Monetary System leads to value
- Not drunk at 100 mph
- 20cwt after a type of horse

It is hoped that the quiz sheets will be fun for all who take part but their main aim is to boost parish funds. Willing volunteers are welcome to help produce future questions and ideas, to publicise and market future sheets and generally participate. Contact details below.

Gordon Braddock Email: gordon.braddock@gmail.com

Home Prayers

July/August 2018



- We pray for the guidance and enabling of God as we plan for a '**Christianity Explored**' course to begin **on Tuesday evenings in late September**. We ask God to provide all the resources needed for this ministry, and that **He will be calling people** to come on the course and learn about Jesus.
- We thank God for our **children and young people in church** and for all who guide and teach them. Please raise up more helpers and teachers, so that children and young people **can learn the faith week by week** as well as adults.
- We continue to pray for **Damon, Amanda and family** as they settle into their new home, community and ministry. Please be with each of them, and guide and equip Damon in his service of Jesus Christ.
- We continue to pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit, as we advertise for the recruitment of a new **Pioneer Minister** to join us in our mission and ministry in Warblington with Emsworth. We specifically pray that Jesus will call the person of his choosing to join us.
- We pray for **St. James' School**, thanking God for the life of the school and praying for the **recruitment of a new Head Teacher**. We also pray for 'Mrs B' as she explores her own future.
- We pray for the ministry of '**Babies, Banter & Biscuits**' and for '**Minus One**'. We pray for all the people they serve and for those who lead these ministries on our behalf.
- We pray for the **Parish Churchyard Teas in Warblington (TàB)** throughout July and August on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. May they express your love to many and be an outreach in our community.
- We pray for all **Christians who face persecution** across our world. Lord give them strength, peace and joy through the power of your Holy Spirit. We also pray for the work of **Open Doors** and their mission to support Christians who are persecuted.
- We continue to pray for our **retired clergy** and thank God for their faithful service in our Parish. We pray for God's blessing and strengthening of **Barbara, John & Brenda, Bill & Jean, and John & Celia**.
- We pray for **Julie as she nears the end of her sabbatical** that God will speak to her and guide her future. Grant her peace, rest and a fresh sense of your calling upon her life.
- In this holiday season, we pray for all who are enjoying time away, and especially ask for God's blessing on families together and on those who work in schools. We also pray for all those who visit Emsworth over the summer, for their safety and for refreshment.
- We continue to pray "**Thy Kingdom Come!**" in Emsworth and throughout the world. As part of this, let's remember to keep '**praying for 5**' so that many people will experience the joy of knowing God as their loving heavenly Father.

Spinnaker Abseil



On 22nd July David Leonard will be abseiling down the Spinnaker Tower in aid of Brendon Care, who run ten Care Homes, four Sheltered Housing

complexes and various Clubs for the Elderly in southern England.

David is a comparative "new boy" in Emsworth. He was born in Bristol in 1930, and had lived in Bristol all his life until he and his wife Alison moved to Emsworth towards the end of 2015, to down-size and be near their family. They have been regular 10 am worshipers at St James ever since.

David will be grateful for sponsorship as he hopes to raise £1000 for Brendon Care.

TO DONATE: A sponsor form will be available at the back of both churches **or** donate online at virginmoneygiving.com/DavidLeonard7

MISSION MATTERS



The Mission to Seafarers

Caring for seafarers around the world

Responding to emergency calls, taking urgent supplies on board abandoned vessels, fighting for seafarers' rights at the UN and even driving 70 miles so a seafarer's wife can spend 20 minutes with her husband – our work is as varied as it is valuable.

What may surprise many is that our work isn't just with crews who are at sea. When seafarer Alejandro Gasapin from the Philippines was unable to work, he had no idea how he was going to pay his rent, put food on the table or send his children to school. In his despair, Alejandro contacted Revd Mark Classen, one of our chaplains in South Africa who he had met on a previous trip. Alejandro didn't know what Revd Classen could do since he was thousands of miles away, but he knew his friend would understand his plight. Revd Classen immediately took action and contacted our Mission in the Philippines. Alejandro was overwhelmed with joy when a team arrived at his door armed with groceries, resources and words of encouragement.

For more than 160 years The Mission to Seafarers has been caring for seafarers and their families across the world. While the shipping industry has changed dramatically in that time, our commitment to fight for the rights of seafarers and to offer practical, social, emotional and spiritual support remains as steadfast as ever.

As the largest Christian maritime welfare network in the world, there is no other organisation with such reach and global expertise. For many of the 1.5 million men and women who risk their lives at sea, we are the trusted friend they can turn to in times of need. It's vital that our chaplains are there to support them, both now and in the future.

Sea Sunday - 22nd July 2018

This year the celebration of Sea Sunday in our parish will be delayed until the **22nd July**. We will be remembering seafarers and the work that the Mission to Seafarers does to support them. There will be a **visiting preacher** at St James at 10.00 am and at St Thomas a Becket at 11.00 am. There will be **retiring collections** at all services in both churches that day, with Gift Aid envelopes, or you may wish to use the credit card donation form in the pew leaflets. Donations may also be given or sent to John Dykes at 22 Clovelly Road, Emsworth, PO10 7HL. Any cheques should be made payable to The Mission to Seafarers.

John Dykes

Note from the Editors

Dear Readers,

This is our fourth edition of Running Free and we would like to thank all of you who contribute articles, be it news of events, mission matters or uplifting messages. Without this material the magazine would be much less interesting.

As we look ahead to the Autumn term we are keen to encourage further involvement with the magazine. Please contact us if you have a story or experience to share. We would love to include it. About 600 words will fill a page.

We are aware that sometimes you may have a comment or suggestion regarding the magazine or parish life which you would like to share, so we will include a half page for "letters to the editor". All contributions will be acknowledged but inclusion will be at our discretion.

We wish you a joyful Summer and look forward to a fruitful Autumn. **Colin and Tricia**

Through a Window



"One swallow doth not make a summer" so the saying goes, however the house martins are here in force and summer seems to have arrived at last. The doves nesting in St James have managed to raise some chicks judging by the empty white shells on entering church this morning. We still seem to be blessed with an abundance of bird life in the village. The little terns have arrived from their winter migration in good numbers. The swans have moved to the Slipper Pond now, a bit more secure than their original location.

How nice to see the buff tailed bumble bee queens looking for nest sites in May, any suitable hole in the ground or compost heap and they are in there making nests.

Now the weather has settled and there is more heat, the gardens are blooming well with the vegetable patch really catching up on some good growth ready for those early potatoes and the first cropping of snap peas. My bees are responding also so there may be some honey for us soon; it must be 5 o'clock time for tea!



Anon

Keeping Time

Author: Dominic Keech

Date: 01 July 2015

Much of the year on our island is damp and gloomy; warmth and sunshine are an exciting novelty. When summer comes, it brings about a pleasant kind of national madness: it is the silly season. We endure traffic queues to get to our beaches, obsess about our gardens, and relish the chance to leave our layers firmly in the wardrobe. Summer is a time for healthy disengagement from some of life's routine, as schools and parliament go into recess and the long evenings alter our internal clock.

The haziness of summer can seem to have parallel in the cycle of the Church's year. After Trinity Sunday, we move into 'Ordinary Time', which marches far into the distance, until the year begins again in Advent. We can lose count of the weeks, as the 'teens' after Trinity meld into one long, drowsy stretch. But counting is the essence of these weeks: 'Ordinary' Time doesn't mean mundane time, but time which is counted, in order, from beginning to end. This is different from the two, almost equally long, periods of the liturgical year, which focus on the events of Christ's life. Advent to Epiphany concentrates on his coming and infancy; Ash Wednesday to Pentecost pivots on his death and resurrection. But in Ordinary Time there is no overarching focus, no festive high or solemn low. Instead we must count, and mark the time from start to finish.

Marking time sounds dull, something we could easily disengage from; but it is vitally important. We need to remind ourselves of the value of each present moment, which is a gift from God waiting to be filled with our free response of praise and love. Keeping an eye on the longer span ahead raises the possibility of plans and projects. This year in Ordinary Time, the Church is reading Mark's Gospel, continuously, Sunday by Sunday; it's our corporate project, which invites us to engage with his good news gradually, consistently and deeply. For each of us, Ordinary Time invites a gradual, consistent and deep engagement in something that will be good news to us and others. That might be through spiritual reading, or going on a retreat; in giving time and effort to church and community in a new way, or by investing in relationships more consciously and attentively. The possibilities are many. Summer disengagement beckons us into the richer engagement of Ordinary Time, through which God may work something extraordinary in us.

Dominic Keech is Chaplain of Brasenose College, Oxford.



THE MOTHERS' UNION – ST. JAMES, EMSWORTH

We thank all who supported our Summer of Hope Garden Party last month.

Programme for July 2018:

- Thursday 5th** **Communion at St. James' Church 10 am.**
Tuesday 10th **Strawberry Tea at Catherington Church 2 pm.**
Thursday 19th **2pm Parish Hall – tea and chat**
Thursday 19th **"Summer of Hope" party at St. George's Church, Waterlooville 2 pm – all members invited.**

Programme for August 2018:

- Thursday 2nd** **Communion at St. James' Church, 10 am**
Wednesday 9th **Mary Sumner's Day**
Thursday 16th **Meet for coffee at Pastoral Centre 10.30 am.**

MARY SUMNER was a shy grandmother when she was inspired by her faith and conviction to help the women in her parish with meetings to share family concerns. She went on to lead campaigns against the injustices of her time, lobbying for children to be stopped from being sent to collect alcohol for the parents from the pub, and for the marriage age for girls to be lifted from 12 years to 16 years. She was not afraid to act outside social norms to do what she believed to be right. At a time when unmarried girls with children were condemned and cast out she cared for and protected her niece and her illegitimate son. Her belief 'that the prosperity of a nation springs from the family life of its homes' remains. Wednesday 9th August is her special day when we give thanks for her life and work and the legacy we share.

Mary Sumner's personal prayer – 'All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee, and every life I touch do thou by thy Spirit quicken whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen'.

For information re Mothers' Union please contact Felicity Keeping 01243 374039

We always welcome visitors at our meetings.



Christian Aid Week 2018

The amount raised by the churches of Emsworth during Christian Aid Week was £5,030.

Thanks to all who collected or contributed in any way.

Sadly the amount collected was less than in 2017, at least in part because there were 16 fewer collectors. Probably some were unable to collect this year because of illness or holidays.

So, in May 2019, if you are asked to collect for Christian Aid Week **please say YES!**

Collecting door to door is not the easiest thing to do, but you really can make a difference and show that Emsworth cares. Perhaps work with a friend to make it a more pleasant experience. Above all, remember that it REALLY MATTERS to the many people who benefit from the work of Christian Aid.

Thank you again.

Jill Allum



PARISH FAIRTRADE GROUP

What's New on our Traidcraft Stall?

Firstly, there's a new range of teas. In the UK we drink 165 million cups every day, but only 8% is FairTrade certified. Our new packs use "Leaf Lock True Taste", a unique process which protects the leaves on the journey between being plucked from the bush to being brewed in your cup. We have Breakfast Blend (including decaffeinated) and Earl Grey and even Breakfast Blend loose tea - if you're concerned about the use of plastic in your tea bags!

We also have, currently @ £2.00, coir compost blocks (a by-product of coconut husks), about the size of a house brick, which when added to 6 Litres of water will give you approximately 9 Litres of compost. Another environmentally friendly product as it saves that drive to the garden centre.

And finally (and possibly best of all?), new small bars of Divine chocolate. - We're stocking caramel, cappuccino and 70% dark chocolate, normally £1.10, but on offer now @ 80p per 40gm bar - easy on the pocket and not too heavy on the calories at just 36 per square.

We'll be delighted to sell you these and any of our other regular items - biscuits, coffee (both instant and ground), muesli, kitchen towels, toilet soap and washing-up liquid, not forgetting a range of beautiful hand-embroidered greetings cards.

We look forward to seeing you at the Traidcraft stall on 15 July and/or 19 August - after the 10.00am service in St. James'.

Gill Cross, Katie Buttivant, Jill Allum, Patricia Williamson - your Parish FairTrade Team

Emen - Barbecue of the Year

The annual social event of the year (better known as the E-men Barbecue) takes place this year on **Friday 6th July at 6.30pm**. It is always great fun with fantastic food and a chance to relax and unwind.

The barbecue will be held at:

20 St George's Avenue
Warblington
Havant
Hampshire
PO9 2RX



Photo from last year's barbecue

Advance booking is essential – no advance booking, no guarantee of food!

To book e-mail murray@theboaz.com or tel: 023 9245 0031

If you require vegetarian please advise when you book.

Please bring your own drink – glasses are provided.

As always, the BBQ will take place whatever the weather.

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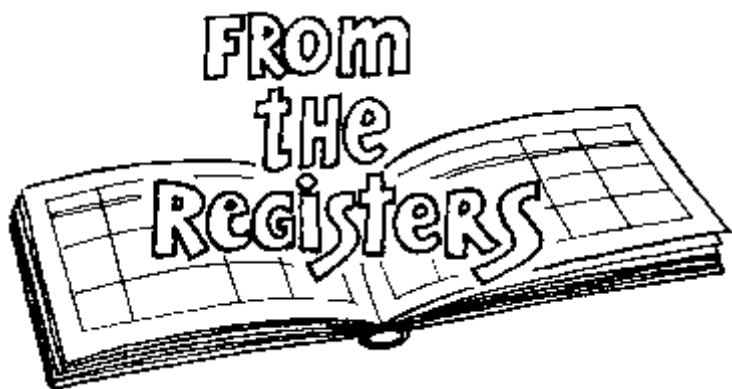
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FOR MAY:

MARRIAGES There were none in May

BAPTISMS

At St James':

- 6th** William Cruz, son of Rupert & Emma Kerly
Jessica Willow Rose, daughter of Rupert & Emma Kerly
Sian Olivia Sanders, daughter of Robert Sanders & Emma Kerly

There were no baptisms at St Thomas à Becket

R.I.P.

Margaret Anne West. Aged 76, of Thorney Road, Emsworth

Barbara Gladys Venn, aged 94, of Beechwood House, Woodberry Lane, Rowlands Castle

Simone Lesley Box, aged 47, of Beechworth Road, Havant

Jean Ellen Gullick, aged 76, of Longfield Road, Emsworth

Martha Annie Searle, aged 92, of West Street, Havant

What's On during July 2018

Sun 1	8.00am Holy Communion (Trad), St. James' 10.00am Holy Communion, St. James' 10.15am Emsworth House Communion 11.00am Matins followed by Holy Communion (1662), St. Thomas à Becket 6.30pm United Holy Communion, St. James'	Sun 15	8.00am Holy Communion (Trad), St. James' 10.00am Holy Communion, St. James' 11.00am Holy Communion (Trad), St. Thomas à Becket 3.30pm Baptism Preparation Tea, St. James' 5.00pm Café Church 6.30pm Evensong, St. Thomas à Becket
Mon 2	2.00pm Minus One Group, Parish Hall 7.30pm Home Group leaders' training, Parish Office	Tues 17	9.30am Babies, Banter & Biscuits, Parish Office
Tues 3	9.30am Babies, Banter & Biscuits, Parish Office	Wed 18	10.00am Holy Communion, St. James' 7.30pm PCC, Parish Office
Wed 4	10.00am Holy Communion, St. James' 11.00am Patronal Festival service and lunch, St. Thomas à Becket 12.00-2.30pm Parish Lunch, Kings Arms, Emsworth	Thur 19	2.00pm St. James' School leavers service, St. James' Church 7.30pm Parish Prayer evening, St. James'
Thur 5	10.00am MU Holy Communion, St. James' 7.30pm Parish Prayer evening, St. James'	Sun 22 Sea Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion (Trad), St. Thomas à Becket 10.00am Holy Communion, St. James' with guest speaker 11.00am Matins, St. Thomas à Becket with guest speaker 11.30pm Springfield Communion 12.30pm Baptism Service, St. Thomas à Becket 6.30pm United Evening Worship at the Methodist Church
Fri 6	6.30pm Emen Barbeque at 20, St. George's Avenue Warblington	Tues 24	9.30am Babies, Banter & Biscuits, Parish Office
Sat 7	2.00-4.00pm First churchyard tea of the season, St. Thomas à Becket churchyard (<i>see below for details</i>)	Wed 25	10.00am Patronal Festival service, St. James'
Sun 8	8.00am Holy Communion (Trad), St. Thomas à Becket 10.00am United Holy Communion, St. James' 10.00am Breakfast Church, Parish Hall 11.00am Matins, St. Thomas à Becket 6.30pm United Evening Worship at the Methodist Church	Thur 26	7.30pm Parish Prayer evening, St. James'
Tues 10	9.30am Babies, Banter & Biscuits, Parish Office	Sun 29	8.00am Holy Communion (Trad), St. James' 10.00am Holy Communion, St. James' 11.00am Matins followed by Holy Communion (1662), St. Thomas à Becket 6.30pm Ecumenical Service at Emsworth Methodist Church
Wed 11	10.00am Holy Communion, St. James'		
Thur 12	7.30pm Parish Prayer evening, St. James'		
Fri 13	No Prayers for the World Church		
Sat 14	11.15am Beating the Bounds Walk from St. James' Churchyard (<i>see p.9</i>)		

What's On during August 2018

NO Parish Prayers at St. James' during August
NO Babies, Banter & Biscuits during August

Wed 1 10.00am Holy Communion, St. James'
 12.00-2.30pm Parish Lunch, Kings Arms, Emsworth

Thur 2 10.00am MU Holy Communion, St. James'

Sun 5 8.00am Holy Communion (Trad), St. James'

10.00am Holy Communion, St. James'

10.15am Emsworth House Communion

11.00am Matins followed by Holy Communion (1662), St. Thomas à Becket

6.30pm United Holy Communion, St. James'

Mon 6 2.00pm Minus One Group, Parish Hall

Wed 8 10.00am Holy Communion, St. James'

Sun 12 8.00am Holy Communion (Trad), St. Thomas à Becket

10.00am United Holy Communion, St. James'

NO Breakfast Church

11.00am Matins, St. Thomas à Becket

6.30pm United Evening Worship at the Methodist Church

Wed 15 10.00am Holy Communion, St. James'

Sun 19 8.00am Holy Communion (Trad), St. James'

10.00am Holy Communion, St. James'

11.00am Holy Communion (Trad), St. Thomas à Becket

NO Baptism Preparation Tea

NO Café Church

6.30pm Evensong, St. Thomas à Becket

Wed 22 10.00am Holy Communion, St. James'

Sun 26 8.00am Holy Communion (Trad), St. Thomas à Becket

10.00am Holy Communion, St. James'

11.00am Matins, St. Thomas à Becket

11.30pm Springfield Communion

12.30pm Baptism Service, St. Thomas à Becket

6.30pm United Evening Worship at the Methodist Church

Wed 29 10.00am Holy Communion, St. James'

Parish Churchyard Teas

Starting on Sat 7th July these will be available from 2-4pm every Saturday and Sunday in July and August in Warblington Churchyard





**Farewell to
Damon and
Amanda!**



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photographs
on p.2**