

August Diary 2008

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Vicar's [extended] August jottings

I'm going to use the extra space of a less full diary to communicate a few important things.

August Services – Please note revised pattern for this month. There will be no evening services. Each Sunday there will be just the 9.30am service at HT and 10.30am service at StS.

Communion Wine - Just over a year ago the PCC agreed that we would trial for one year using only non-alcoholic wine in all Holy Communion services. On June 2nd, PCC reviewed that policy and members came to the meeting having listened to the views of a number of church members.

From the feedback it seems that the alcoholic content of the wine is not an issue for the majority of people but there are some who do hold strong views either way. As a consequence, the PCC decided, again for a period of one year, to adopt a modified approach in the hope that it may come closer to meeting the needs of most people.

- At Holy Trinity 9.30am and 11.15am services only, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic wine will be available. Alcoholic wine will be distributed on one side or station (depending on the method of distribution) and non-alcoholic wine at the other. The person officiating will make this clear at the time. Most people will not mind where they receive but those for whom this issue is important can easily choose the type of wine they wish to receive without being conspicuous.
- At all other Holy Communion services in both Holy Trinity and St Saviour's, only non-alcoholic wine will be available.

PCC members will be glad to receive views on how well these arrangements work, especially early next year as we approach another review.

Young People and St Saviour's – Because of numbers, from September we're not going formally to organise young people's groups at St Saviour's on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. All formal Sunday groups will be at Holy Trinity for the time being. But there are also exciting plans for *Messy Church* in StS on a Saturday, but more of that another time...!

Lambeth, GAFCON, Women Bishops... - With so much happening it's difficult to know the facts and to know how to respond. Our Prayer Meeting at 8.00pm in Holy Trinity on 2nd September will be extended to allow time to explain what has been going on and then to pray for the wider church and for our own response to it all. Please put it in your diary now and try to be there.

Harvest and back-to-Church – Our Harvest services will be on Sunday 28th September and this is also designated national, 'Back to Church' Sunday. The harvest theme is wider than just marrow s and tins of beans – what would you say is the harvest in your life you want to thank God for? What fruitfulness might you bring on that Sunday as a celebration of God's goodness? Is there anybody you know who used to come to church but has lost the habit? We're going to make a special point on the 28th September of welcoming back any who want to re-discover the delight of being part of church. We will be producing flyers to help you invite people.

Intergen 2 – From October, we'll be replacing *All Together* at HT on the first Sunday of the month with a revised repeat of the *Intergen* from the previous month at StS. *Intergen* is an interactive service which encourages all ages to get involved together. It has grown in strength at StS and we hope it will bring a fresh approach to HT while the youngest children and their families are at 20:20.

Finally - for those of you going on holiday, have a great time and do pass on our greetings to any church you visit. To those of you returning from holiday, I hope you had a good time and do bring back greetings from any church you visited. For those staying at home, enjoy the space and the reduction in local traffic!

Nick Grew

Date & Day	Time	Details	Venue
2 nd Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Upper Room
3rd SUNDAY	9.30am	Family Service	Holy Trinity Church
<u>Trinity 11</u>	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Saviour's Church
6 th Wednesday	2.15-3.15pm	Sick Intercessors Group	HT Church, via Vestry
	5.30-7.00pm	Prayer for Hope 08	St Saviour's Church
7 th Thursday	12 noon	Not-so-Young	18 Lane End Drive
11 th Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Upper Room
10th SUNDAY	9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Church
<u>Trinity 12</u>	10.30pm	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
13 th Wednesday	2.15-3.15pm	Sick Intercessors Group	HT Church, via Vestry
	5.30-7.00pm	Prayer for Hope 08	St Saviour's Church
	12.30-2.30pm	'Lunch with Others' in Brookwood	B'wood Memorial Halls
16 th Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Upper Room
	2.00pm	Wedding – Jonathan Greathead & Heather McConnell	Holy Trinity Church
17th SUNDAY	9.30am	Family Service & <i>Baptism of Emily Humphrey and Frederick Ward</i>	Holy Trinity Church
<u>Trinity 13</u>	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Saviour's Church
18th Monday		Nick – Holiday – return 26th August	
	10am-12noon	Holiday-at-Home preparation	Holy Trinity Church Hall
19 th Tuesday	10am-4.30pm	Holiday-at-Home	Holy Trinity Church Hall
20 th Wednesday	10am-4.30pm	Holiday-at-Home	Holy Trinity Church Hall
	10.30am	Holy Communion – <i>1 Sam 17:57-18:16</i>	St Saviour's Church
	2.15-3.15pm	Sick Intercessors Group	HT Church, via Vestry
	5.30-7.00pm	Prayer for Hope 08	St Saviour's Church
21 st Thursday	10am-4.30pm	Holiday-at-Home	Holy Trinity Church Hall
22 nd Friday		Church Office Closed until Tue 2nd September	
	10am-12noon	Holiday-at-Home clear up	Holy Trinity Church Hall
23 rd Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Upper Room
24th SUNDAY	9.30am	Family Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Church
<u>Trinity 14</u>	10.30am	Morning Prayer	St Saviour's Church
25 th Monday		Bank Holiday Monday	
27 th Wednesday	2.15-3.15pm	Sick Intercessors Group	HT Church, via Vestry
	5.30-7.00pm	Prayer for Hope 08	St Saviour's Church
30 th Saturday	8.00am	Prayer Meeting	Holy Trinity Upper Room
31st SUNDAY	9.30am	Family Service (<i>Soul Survivor feedback</i>)	Holy Trinity Church
<u>Trinity 15</u>	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Saviour's Church
	3.00pm	Holiday-at-Home Service	Holy Trinity Church